



# METROPOLITAN ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY INSTITUTE OF EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES ІНСТИТУТ СХІДНЬО-ХРИСТІЯНСЬКИХ СТУДІЙ ІМ. МИТРОПОЛИТА АНДРЕЯ ШЕПТИЦЬКОГО

*Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As another academic year draws to a close, we share with you our gratitude for all the blessings we have received, not the least of which has been your faithful support. Your prayers, your advocacy for the Institute, and your generous donations have sustained us in the important work we have been called to do for our Church and society.

Few people realize the extent of our activities. Among other items, the current newsletter highlights:

- the invitation to MASI from the Governor General of Canada to join the official Canadian delegation at the inaugural Mass of Pope Francis in Rome
- our former student and MASI Foundation director Dr. Andrew Bennett, Canada's first ambassador for Religious Freedom
- our alumnus Daniel Galadza who successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Rome's Pontifical Oriental Institute
- the very successful fund-raising dinner in Edmonton sponsored and organized by MASIF director, Julian Koziak

Although the effects of the world-wide recession of recent years have strained our resources, we remain committed to providing our Church with leaders formed in the Eastern Christian tradition, engaging in ecumenical dialogue, serving as a theological resource for the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops and reaching out to the wider community.

May the blessing of the Risen Lord ever be upon you and your loved ones!

Yours faithfully in Christ,

*Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky*    *Fr. Andriy Chirovsky*

Father Stephen Wojcichowsky  
Director, MASI

Father Andriy Chirovsky  
President, MASIF

*Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!*

Дорогі друзі в Христі,

Кінчається шкільний рік. Ми вдячні за всі благословення, які ми отримали протягом цього року, а особливо за Вашу вірну підтримку. Ваші молитви та Ваші щедрі пожертви підтримували нас у тій важливій праці, яку ми покликані виконувати для нашої Церкви та суспільства.

Наша діяльність дійсно широка. Окрім усього іншого цей бюлетень підкреслює наступне:

- генерал-губернатор Канади запросив ІіМАШ приєднатися до офіційної канадської делегації на інавгураційній Месі папи Франциска в Римі;
- наш колишній студент та директор Фундації ІіМАШ д-р Андрю Беннетт став першим канадським послом з питань релігійної свободи;
- наш випускник Даниїл Галадза успішно захистив докторську дисертацію у Папському орієнтальному інституті в Римі;
- директор Фундації ІіМАШ Юліан Козяк зорганізував та проспонував надзвичайно успішну добродієвечерю в Едмонтоні.

Попри те, що всесвітня рецесія останніх років дещо скоротила нам наші ресурси, ми продовжуємо вірно служити нашій Церкві, забезпечуючи її лідерами вишкolenими у східно-християнській традиції, долучаючись до екуменічного діалогу, надаючи богословські ресурси Синодові українських католицьких єпископів, та вдержуючи живі зв'язки зі ширшою громадою.

Нехай благословення Воскреслого Господа зійде на Вас та ваших близьких!

Віддані Вам у Христі,

*о. Андрій Чировський*    *о. Стефан Войціховський*

о. Андрій Чировський  
Президент ФііМАШ

о. Стефан Войціховський,  
Директор ІіМАШ

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# Your Donations at Work

## CONGRATULATIONS to MASI Students Recognized at SPU Closing Ceremonies – Friday, April 12, 2013

*Bachelor of Theology (BTh) in Eastern Christian Studies*

**Elisabeth DiLalla-Besner**

**Cyril Kennedy**

**Terry Siolkowsky**

*Certificate in Eastern Christian Studies*

**Anastasia Larmour**

**Anastasia Lyras**

**Ivetka Vasil**

*Bachelor of Sacred Theology (STB) in Eastern Christian Studies*

**Cyril Kennedy**

*Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) in Eastern Christian Studies*

**François Provençal**

A captain in the Canadian military and Ukrainian Catholic student of the Sheptytsky Institute, François Provençal was awarded his STL (*Sacrae Theologiae Licentiat*) in Eastern Christian Studies.

The Licentiate in Sacred Theology is offered only by Catholic ecclesiastical faculties. It builds on Bachelor and Master degrees towards a Doctorate of Sacred Theology (SThD). The STL enables students to prepare for doctoral work, teach or build competence for working within the Church. Officially, it enables one to teach theology in a major seminary or equivalent institution and to participate in theological debate as scholars in their own right.



*Our Institute congratulates François and offers prayers for his future*

## Former MASI Student & Vice-President of MASI Foundation Named First Ambassador for Office of Religious Freedom



Dr. Andrew Bennett, a former MASI student, was appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper to serve as Ambassador of the Office of Religious Freedom during a ceremony near Toronto on February 19. Until recently, Dr. Bennett had also served as vice-president of the MASI Foundation.

Prime Minister Harper stated: "Dr. Bennett is a man of principle and deep convictions and he will encourage the protection of religious minorities around the world so all can practice their faith without fear of violence and repression."

The Sheptytsky Institute sincerely congratulates its former student and Foundation Board member and wishes him many years – *Mnohaya Lita* – in peace, health and joy.

## Institute Graduate Daniel Galadza Defends Doctoral Dissertation in Rome – Receives Position at University of Vienna

On January 28, the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome was the site of the doctoral defense of Daniel Galadza. Daniel graduated from the Institute's BTh program in 2008. His doctoral dissertation was "The Liturgical Byzantinization of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem." Among the many observers at the defense were their Excellencies Borys Gudziak of Paris and Hlib Lonchyna of London.

On April 8, Daniel began work at the University of Vienna in Austria, with a six-year post-doctoral fellowship in the University's Faculty of Catholic Theology.

The Sheptytsky Institute proudly raises a chorus of "*Gaudeamus igitur!*"



## MASI Alumnus Earns Doctorate in Biblical Studies

On April 26, at Saint Paul University, Father François Beyrouti successfully defended his dissertation on "The Role of a 'Rhetorics of Catechesis' in the Transformation from Interpretation to Glory in Origen's *Commentary on the Gospel of John*." He was examined by Fr. Normand Bonneau, Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, Fr. John Jillions, and Dr. Harry O. Maier of Vancouver School of Theology. Father François received his STB from the Sheptytsky Institute.

# Reaching Out

## Sheptytsky Institute in Canadian Government Delegation to Papal Inauguration



The Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, invited MASI to join his official delegation representing Canada at the Inaugural Papal Mass on March 19. Father Peter Galadza, Assistant Director for MASI academic affairs, was designated representative.

Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, participated in the parliamentary delegation. "Minister Kenney has a remarkable knowledge of Eastern Christianity – not to mention Church matters in general – and it was a joy to observe his work in Rome," said Father Galadza. Kenney has met Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk on several occasions both in Ukraine and in Canada.

Father Galadza was interviewed by Vatican Radio about the significance of the new pope for Eastern Catholics. He noted that Patriarch Sviatoslav refers to

Pope Francis as his mentor from their days together in Argentina. The new pope was also an acolyte at Ukrainian Catholic liturgies during his school years. "But maybe most significant is that he is a pope of the poor. Most Eastern Catholics live in relative poverty. The people of Ukraine in particular will appreciate his concern for the lowly and forgotten."

Minister Kenney noted at the conclusion of the delegation's visit to Rome: "Eastern Catholics are an important part of Canadian life, and it is wonderful that the Sheptytsky Institute was represented in our delegation."

## Reaching Out to the World-Wide Ukrainian Catholic Community

For the past two years, Father Andrew Onuferko, Wynnyckyj Fellowship holder at MASI, has extended the Sheptytsky Institute to Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church eparchies world-wide. As Executive Secretary of the Working Group for implementing Strategic Development of the UGCC, he has travelled to four continents developing the "Vision 2020" plan to revitalize the Church. Father Andrew is chief author of the soon-to-be released *Handbook for Pastoral Planning*, and contributor to a newly-released collection of resource material in Ukrainian on "The Vibrant Parish: a Place to Encounter the Living Christ." Recently he and colleagues of the Working Group met in Kyiv, after which he presented the Vibrant Parish initiative at the Sobor (Assembly) of the Eparchy of Stamford. In May he will be travelling to Ukraine, Chicago, Argentina and Brazil.



**MASIF Past-President  
Eugene Cherwick Honoured by  
Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk for  
Lifelong Service in the Ukrainian  
Catholic Church**

## Edmonton Dinner Promotes MASIF Investment

"If you believe our church has a future as well as a glorious past, then this is the kind of investment you and I need to be making," declared Father Andriy Chirovsky at the Chateau Louis Hotel in Edmonton, owned by MASIF Board Director Julian Koziak. Julian and his wife Barbara hosted and sponsored the event on December 11, 2012, which raised \$27,800. Donors enjoyed a presentation of "Blessed Nykyta: Bishop and Martyr," a play written and performed by Father Edward Evanko, MASI alumnus.





### New Administrative Team for MASI, MASIF

As of June 1, 2013, the administration of the Sheptytsky Institute will be the responsibility of Father Alexander Laschuk, a MASI alumnus, who will serve as the Interim Director of the Institute for administrative matters and its day to day functioning. He will be assisted by Father Peter Galadza who will serve as Assistant Director for Academic Affairs.

Father Stephen Wojcichowsky, Director of the Institute since February 2007, completed two full terms in this office along with an extension of several months. He returns to the Eparchy of Edmonton where he will serve as Chancellor of the Eparchy and will be developing a satellite campus for the Sheptytsky Institute.

The Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute Foundation welcomes its new Vice-President, Ewgen Osidacz of Montreal, QC. As of March, 2013, Andrea (Lukie) Petryk joined MASIF as Executive Director, succeeding Father Andrew Onuferko in this position.



## **Sheptytsky Institute Study Days An Eastern Christian Feast for the Mind and Heart - THIS YEAR IN EDMONTON -**

***The Legacy of Kyivan Christianity:  
Celebrating the 1025th Anniversary of the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine***  
**July 5-7, 2013**

**St. Josaphat Cathedral Parish Hall (Verkhovyna)  
9637 - 108 Avenue, Edmonton, AB**

**Friday, July 5: The Spiritual Legacy**

Rt. Rev. Dr. Andriy Chirovsky

**Saturday, July 6: The Liturgical Legacy**

Very Rev. Dr. Peter Galadza

**Sunday, July 7: The Catechetical Legacy**

Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Onuferko

**Sponsored by the Eparchy of Edmonton**

***To register please contact [edmontoneparchy.com](http://edmontoneparchy.com) or call 780-424-5496***

### **Combine Study Days with additional classes (for credit or audit)**

Attend two weeks of one or both of these classes during the 2013 Summer Program  
Tuesday, July 9 to Saturday, July 20 every day except Sunday, July 14.

•THO 3318 Eastern Christian Spirituality - Rt. Rev. Dr. Andriy Chirovsky

*Please Note: This course is also offered as a graduate option under the code THO 6380 Patristic Theology. Extra assignments will be required.*

•THO 3328 The Holy Mysteries: Byzantine Sacraments - Very Rev. Dr. Peter Galadza

*Please Note: This course is also offered as a graduate option under the code THO 6352 Studies in Eastern Christianity. Extra assignments will be required.*

**For information on courses please contact the  
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