



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

Pascha, 2011

Were not our hearts burning within us?
Luke 24:32

Dear Friends in Christ,

These words spoken by two of Jesus' disciples after they encountered the Risen Lord could very well represent the fervour with which we approach the anniversary year of the founding of our Institute. Over the years we have emphasized with enthusiastic zeal our deeply felt gratitude for all the blessings we have received and for our many and notable accomplishments.

Undoubtedly, there were challenging times in the 25 years since Father Andriy Chirovsky founded the Institute in Chicago in May 1986. But it was precisely when our way ahead seemed uncertain, when reversals spoiled our best intentions, when disappointments tested our perseverance, that the Risen Lord spoke to our hearts the words Jesus Himself addressed to His disciples in their time of desolation, "Peace be with you. Be not afraid. I am with you always."

It is this faith – faith in the Risen Lord, faith in the prayers of intercession of our mighty patron Metropolitan Andrey and faith in the vocation given to us – that has nurtured us. And it is your faith in us, your moral and material support, your prayers to strengthen our work that have ensured that we can continue to grow in our mission for the theological education of our Church and for outreach to all who seek the "Light of the East" – Christ Our Lord!

As we celebrate this Feast of Feasts, Julian and Gregorian calendars together, let our hearts burn with joy that —

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Fr. Stephen

Father Stephen Wojcichowsky
Institute Director

Пасха, 2011

Чи не палало наше серце в нас у грудях?
Лк 24:32

Дорогі Друзі у Христі,

Ці слова, сказані двома учнями Ісуса після того, як вони зустріли Воскреслого Господа, чудово висловлюють увесь запал, із яким ми готуємося до святкування ювілею заснування нашого Інституту. Протягом багатьох років ми з ентузіазмом підкреслювали нашу глибоку вдячність за всі благословення, що ми отримали у наших численних та визначних досягненнях.

Без сумніву, протягом 25 років, відколи о. Андрій Чировський в травні 1986 року заснував Інститут у Чикаго, було багато викликів. Проте це було саме тоді, коли наш шлях уперед виглядав непевним, коли невдачі псували наші найкращі наміри, коли розчарування випробовували нашу наполегливість, а Воскреслий Господь промовляв до наших сердець словами самого Ісуса, якими Він звернувся до своїх учнів у хвилини їхнього смутку: "Мир вам. Не бійтеся. Я завжди з вами."

Саме ця віра – віра у Воскреслого Господа, віра у молитви заступництва нашого могутнього покровителя Митрополита Андрея, а також віра у покликання, яке нам дано – виховувала нас. Також і ваша віра у нас, ваша моральна та матеріальна підтримка, ваші молитви зміцнювали нашу працю та додавали наснаги до зростання у нашій місії: працювати на благо розвитку богословської освіти нашої Церкви та служити всім, хто шукає "Світло Сходу" – Нашого Господа Ісуса Христа!

Цього року обидва календарі, Юліанський і Григоріанський, святкують Свято Свят разом. То ж нехай палають наші серця, коли будемо радісно вигукувати —

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

о. Стефан

о. Стефан Войціховський
Директор Інституту

**Celebrating the Institute's 25th Anniversary
May 2011 to May 2012**

**More information will be forthcoming as plans develop.
Please check our website at www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca for updates.**

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July 15-18, 2011

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Dr Adam DeVille

Assistant Professor of Theology, University of Saint Francis

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Dr. Peter Bouteneff

Assistant Professor of Dogmatic Theology, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

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Rev. Dr. Andriy Chirovsky

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Dr. Brian Butcher

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Father Yuriy Sakvuk Successfully Defends Doctoral Dissertation

On March 16, 2011 Rev. Dr. Yuriy Sakvuk successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, *Seven Criteria for the Ecclesial Identity and Vocation of a Particular Church: The Development of an Interpretive System Based on the Ecclesiology of Vatican II and Verified Against the Work of the Kyvian Church Study Group*.

As Director for the doctoral thesis, Father Andriy Chirovsky commented, "Father Yuriy Sakvuk has masterfully treated the issue of the universality and particularity of the Church, devising a system of interdependent criteria with which to analyse the level of ecclesial maturity of the various churches of the Catholic Communion. It has been an honour to have worked with him over the last ten years."

The four examiners for the defence were Dr. Catherine Clifford (Professor, Saint Paul University), Dr. Michael Fahey (Professor, Boston College), Rev. Dr. Peter Galadza (Professor, Sheptytsky Institute, Saint Paul University) and Rev. Dr. John Gibaut (Professor, Saint Paul University). Dr. John Huels of the Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, was the chair of the proceedings, appointed by the Faculty of Graduate and Post-doctoral studies at the University of Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Yuriy Sakvuk gave a humble and moving speech following the positive outcome of his defence. He stated that he was honoured to be the first Ukrainian-born student to obtain a doctorate at Saint Paul University through the Sheptytsky Institute and thanked his wife and children back home in Ukraine for their support during the process.

"I am delighted for Father Yuriy for having accomplished this milestone on his academic and spiritual journey. Indeed, he has been preparing his entire life for this momentous occasion," said Rev. Stephen Wojcichowsky, Director of the Sheptytsky Institute, Saint Paul University.

Fr. Yuriy will concurrently receive the Ph.D. in theology conferred jointly by Saint Paul University and the University of Ottawa as well as the pontifical S.Th.D. through the ecclesiastical accreditation of Saint Paul University. As the seventh person to have graduated from the Sheptytsky Institute with a doctorate in Eastern Christian Studies, he joins Rev. Dr. Cyprian Hutcheon (2003), Dr. Michael Petrowycz (2005), Dr. Adam DeVille (2008), Dr. Suzette Phillips (2008), Rev. Dr. Danylo Kuc (2009), and Dr. Brian Butcher (2010) all of whom are teaching in various universities.



Photo left to right: Rev. Dr. Peter Galadza, Rev. Stephen Wojcichowsky, Dr. Michael Fahey, Rev. Dr. John Jillions, Rev. Dr. Andriy Chirovsky, Rev. Dr. Yuriy Sakvuk, Dr. Gregory Bloomquist, Dr. John Huels, Rev. Dr. Andrew Onuferko, Dr. Catherine Clifford

Photo: Roman Rytsar

MASI rejoices in the election of our new Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk)



(photo: Wikipedia)

In 1995 a newly ordained Fr. Sviatoslav Shevchuk attended the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute's Intensive Summer Program at Holy Transfiguration (Mount Tabor) Monastery in Redwood Valley, California. MASI's Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, the new patriarch's professor at the time, comments: "What struck me about this young priest was his interest in very human questions of theological anthropology and morality. He is a compassionate and humble man, who brings many gifts to the very responsible position to which he has been elected."

Theophany Celebrations Held at Saint Paul University



On January 19, 2011 the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies hosted its annual blessing of water for the Feast of Theophany.

This year Eastern Christians joined with visitors of various backgrounds at Saint Paul University for a unique and uplifting experience.

Following Matins and Divine Liturgy at MASI, approximately 70 people proceeded to a beautiful ice cross in front of Saint Paul University for the blessing of the water. The cross, which stands 2 metres tall, was built by the seminarians of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary under the supervision of their Spiritual Director, Father Andrew Onuferko.

During the blessing, Father Stephen Wojcichowsky, Director of the Sheptytsky Institute, was joined by Father Peter Galadza, a professor at the Sheptytsky Institute, Father Taras Cherwick, Air Force Lieutenant-Colonel and Chaplain to the Canadian Armed Forces, Father Andrea Spatafora, a Roman Catholic priest and Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University, and Father Kevin Flynn, Assistant Professor and Director of Anglican Studies at Saint Paul University.

Also present during the celebration were Father Andrew Onuferko, research and teaching fellow at MASI, Father Michael Winn, Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Ottawa, and the Ukrainian Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Ihor Ostash, and his staff. Many students, professors and staff from Saint Paul University as well as members of the Ukrainian community attended.

This celebration marks one of the most significant feasts celebrated by Christians, recounting the manifestation of the Holy Trinity to humanity while Jesus Christ was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. As the Son of God was being baptized in the river, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended from heaven and the Father's voice was heard to call Jesus His beloved Son. From this moment onward, the peace and light from Christ renews the world.



In his remarks to those assembled, Father Stephen observed that, as we gathered for this feast of faith celebrating the manifestation of Christ's peace and light to the world and the confirmation of the presence of the Holy Trinity dwelling in the hearts of the faithful, the cross would remain as a visible reminder of the Christian spirit which imbues the daily life of Saint Paul University.



Blessing of the water left to right:
Father Peter Galadza, Father Andrea Spatafora,
Father Stephen Wojcichowsky,
Father Kevin Flynn and
Father Taras Cherwick.

Ukrainian Ambassador to Canada,
Dr. Ihor Ostash and members of his staff
joined in the celebration at
Saint Paul University.



MASIF BOARD OF DIRECTORS—ELECTIONS

We are pleased to announce our newly elected Executive of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute Foundation (MASIF). As of December 4, 2010 the Board of Directors of MASIF consists of (*indicates new director):

Most Rev. Stephen Chmilar (Toronto, Ontario)
Liaison of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada
Father Andriy Chirovsky (Tucson, Arizona)

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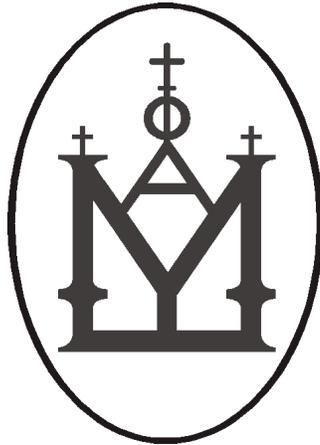
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Dr. Chantal Beauvais, Rector of Saint Paul University joins those attending the MASIF Board and AGM Meeting.

We are very grateful for all your support. Thank you to all our individual donors and to those who have established Memorial Funds or directed memorial donations to the Sheptytsky Institute by donating to its Foundation (MASIF).

Join us in celebrating the Institute's 25th Anniversary.

Donor names will be acknowledged in future publications unless you write to us indicating otherwise.

We look forward to the next three years with enthusiasm, especially as we enter the 25th Anniversary year of the Institute's founding. At the same time we are grateful for the dedication and contributions of the directors who have completed their terms: Susanna Letwin (Ottawa), Luba Zaraska (Toronto), Peter Kule (Edmonton), Mary Chernesky (Saskatoon), William Gulka (Saskatoon).

To all new and former directors a heartfelt

Mnohaya, blahaya Lita! God grant them many blessed years!

Sheptytsky Institute Hosts Orthodox Spirituality Symposium

On Saturday March 5, 2011 the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute (MASI) hosted and co-sponsored the fourth edition of the Symposium of Romanian Orthodox Spirituality organized by the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas.

The theme of the Symposium was "*The Sacraments: Ways of Sanctification.*" It was chosen by the Romanian Orthodox Church to celebrate its commemoration of Holy Baptism and Holy Matrimony.

Father Stephen Wojcichowsky, Director of the Sheptytsky Institute, welcomed the approximately 70 people who were in attendance. He was pleased to greet His Eminence Archbishop Nicolae Condrea of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas whose see is located in Chicago. Among the other guests were His Grace Vicar Bishop Ioan Casian of Montreal,

Fr. Grigorie Țăpuc (St. Matthew Romanian parish, Ottawa), Fr. Teofil Arsene (St. Mary Romanian parish, Gatineau), Fr. Ghattas Hajal (St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, Ottawa), professors, students and friends of the Institute, and faithful of the local Romanian Orthodox community.



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