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СВ. АРХАНГЕЛА ГАВРИЛА, РИЧМОНД ХИЛ, ОНТ.



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### Upcoming events:

21<sup>st</sup> of September at 6:30pm Catena Mundi promotion, special guests Dr. Milo Lompar and Dr. Milos Kovic

29<sup>th</sup> of September Sisters Slava KSS

### F. Zlatibor's note

Dear Parishioners, Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A good priest is a soldier of Christ, and the bishop is a general in the spiritual army. It is all based on blessings and obedience. When I was appointed to your and hitherto my parish, that was decided and blessed by the Bishop of Canada. You received me as your kin. I have had some great moments with you and I met good people with whom I have spiritually bonded and established a close collaboration with. Your parish was my true spiritual home, and you, my parishioners, became my true spiritual family. There is nothing better or closer than that. For this wonderful gift I am very grateful to God.

Now a new blessing from and obedience of the bishop has come for me to continue to serve God and the Serbian people in the All Serbian Saints Parish in Mississauga. Though I am moving to another place to serve, you remain in my heart and I will always be in prayer with you. You and your families will always be in my priestly prayers. I remain with you, my spiritual family, in good relations and will always look forward to our future encounters. God rejoices whenever we pray for each other, so I also ask you, my dear ones, to pray to God for me, to give me spiritual strength so that I may continue with the fear of God and with grace to serve our holy Serbian Orthodox Church and all of our brothers and sisters in Canada.

I sincerely thank you for all the good and the blessings experienced with you, and wish you to continue your journey even more resolutely and vigorously on the path of faith and blessings, on the way of salvation, to which I have directed you while serving God, you and your families in our common parish of Saint Archangel Gabriel.

The blessings of the Lord and an abundance of gifts from God, my beloved brothers, sisters, and spiritual children, wishes for you in Christ the Savior,

Protopresbyter Zlatibor Djurasevic with his presbytera Aurelia and children



## Presidents Note

Dear Brothers and Sisters – God's blessings!

By the grace of God, with great joy and much love, we have celebrated many feast days during the summer. Many of us have visited our homeland where, as those who stayed in Canada, we prayed together and enjoyed the beauties of our God-given countries. The whole universe is God's creation, and our prayerful Orthodox unity and love are felt on every continent. In every monastery and church I visited during my summer vacation, I prayed for our parish priest and all parishioners. I prayed to the Lord to hear our prayers and to give us faith, strength, love, harmony and patience while obtaining permits to build our Holy Temple.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing and entrusting me as the President of the Governing Board of our Parish. The new members of the board, like all previous members of the board, are devout people. They understand the Church of Christ in its entirety and they live by God's commandments, not as a club, or a recreational activity, a weekly habit, or some folk hang-out.

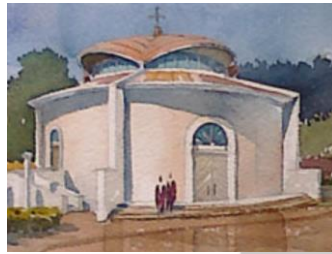
For the past two months we strove, and we will continue so, to run all our parish matters cooperatively in an organized manner. Please help by joining us in the work and upkeep of the Church facilities and courtyard as if it is in your own home and lot. Come forward and help us. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

We are organizing an event every weekend through the month of September. We look forward to seeing you and socializing with you.

By the decision of our Bishop Dr. Mitrofan On October 1, our parish priest Fr. Zlatibor Đurašević was transferred to Mississauga at the Cathedral of All Serbian Saints. The well-known and dear proto-presbyter Fr. Ljubo Rajić will be assigned to our parish. We thank Father Zlatibor for his love, determination and hard work. He successfully calmed the turmoil in the people that he encountered when he was assigned here. In the history of our parish, he will be remembered as a priest who confessed, reconciled, united, and wholeheartedly led his parishioners in a constructive direction. We welcome Father Ljuba and hope that he will continue on the path established by Father Vasilije and restored by Father Zlatibor.

Holy Archangel Gabriel pray to God for us! Holy New Martyrs of Prebilovci pray to God for us!  
Your brother in Christ,

Haji Dejan Jokanovic



## Site Plan Update

### Plan for the New Church Building

In June of this year the material for the "Site Plan Approval" was submitted. We have received after that additional requests of a more formal nature: e.g. initialing by the designer that the previous objections were addressed, preparation of the "Reference Plan" regarding the concession of a part of the property along North Lake Drive for the purpose of widening the street, as well as the display of the materials and colours of the object itself. All of this was also subsequently submitted. The review of the submitted documentation is ongoing and there have been no additional requests or objections so far. Our planner Jim is in continuous contact with relevant municipal staff.

At this time we are looking to find a Soil Engineer to do a soil test for building a church (examining the soil bearing capacity, soil composition as well as the possible presence of groundwater), either at a discount or as a charitable contribution towards building the church. The structural design of the building itself, especially the lower level which is underground (basement), depends on the soil test results which are necessary for us to obtain before the detailed design of the church building is started. If anyone knows a soil engineer who could do this for us, please contact any member of our Parish Board, so he/she will pass it on.

We are hoping for a positive response from the City's "Building department" within two months.

Vladimir Brkic



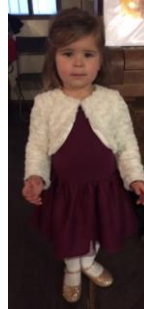
## Serbian School and Religious Education

### Events in our Parish

Cleanup of our property



Celebrations



#### Sunday after Divine Liturgy:

- 12:30-13:15 Catechism for children in the Chapel
- 12:30-13:15 Spiritual Conversations with adults by the fireplace
- 12:30-13:15 Spiritual Conversations with young adults by the podium

Topics for religious discussion during Sunday's talks for young and adults are welcome and can be sent to [office@arhangelgavrilotoronto.com](mailto:office@arhangelgavrilotoronto.com)

**The Parish Governing Board** would like to thank all supporters of St. Archangel Gabriel Serbian Orthodox Parish!

Your donation, monetary or in time volunteered, unselfish efforts and work with organizing events, is what helps us reach the next step in getting the building permit, maintaining the existing building and grounds and with God's help building of our church.

We need your ideas for events, discussions, fundraising and others.

You are very welcome to send it to [office@arhangelgavrilotoronto.com](mailto:office@arhangelgavrilotoronto.com)

For additional information you can visit our Parish Facebook page at [facebook](#) or on our website [www.arhangelgavrilotoronto.com](http://www.arhangelgavrilotoronto.com).

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