

Feast Day at Holy Ascension Parish in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

To celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, May 11, 2012 (Old Style), Archimandrite Father Akakios, Abbot of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, travelled to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada for the parish feast of the Holy Ascension Church in that city. He arrived on the Eve of the *Apodosis* of Pascha, which he celebrated the next morning, and then the Ascension Vespers and Matins later in the same day, followed by the Divine Liturgy on Ascension day. The Feast Day Liturgy was followed by a meal in the Church basement, kindly prepared and served by several of the ladies of the parish.

During his stay, he visited the Priest of the small parish, Father Demetrios Sarlakes, who was in the hospital awaiting open-heart surgery—since successfully performed—and whom he confessed and administered Holy Communion. While in Winnipeg, Father Akakios enjoyed the hospitality of Father Demetrios' son, Nikos, and was treated to an evening dinner by several of the parishioners.

