

Archbishop + Haralambos Welcomes Three Churches Into the Ukrainian Orthodox Archdiocese

Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos of the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Archdiocese Autocephalic Church in Exile (A/K/A St. Michael Evangelical Orthodox Church, Inc.) accepted three churches into the Archdiocese jurisdiction under his Eminence's omophorion.

This special event took place at the altar of the Holy Theotokos Monastery in West Palm Beach, Florida, on Sunday, October 24, 2010.

Welcomed into the fold were: St. Nektarios and Panagia Soumela Greek Orthodox Church of Clearwater, Florida, represented by Archimandrite Georgios Theofanis Lemonakis and Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos; SS Peter and Paul Chapel, Bismarck, North Dakota, represented by Fr. Robert P. Hubal; and Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church of Denver, Colorado, represented by Fr. Paul Constantine Warhola.

Present and receiving the blessings of Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos were Fr. Vlahopoulos, Fr. Hubal and Fr. Warhola. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos plans to journey to Clearwater at a later date and consecrate St. Nektarios and Panagia Soumela Greek Orthodox Church.

Fr. Vlahopoulos, Fr. Hubal and Fr. Warhola met with Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos on Friday, October 22, 2010. They all had dinner and discussed the future expansion of the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Archdiocese.

The following day, they drove 60 miles north of West Palm Beach to the Holy Theotokos Shrine in Jensen Beach, Florida, where they conducted a Paraklesis to the Blessed Mother, Holy Theotokos, Mother of Our God, thanking her for their safe passage and asking for Her to act as an intercessor for all endeavors of the Archdiocese Autocephalic Church in Exile (A/K/A St. Michael Evangelical Orthodox Church, Inc.).

Upon returning to the Archdiocese Headquarters in West Palm, Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos continued his discussion of future plans with the envoys of the three churches.

Then, on Sunday, October 24, Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos presided over the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Theotokos Monastery in West Palm Beach. The Divine Liturgy was conducted by Fr. Vlahopoulos, Fr. Hubal and Fr. Warhola, with assistance from Deacon John Vesey, who serves Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos at the Holy Theotokos Monastery.

Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos was also invested into the Byzantine Order of the Holy Sepulchre that same day – October 24 – in 2001 at the Kolbe Church, Valetta, Malta. He is a Knight Grand Cross and Prior of St. Michael International (O.B.S.S.) and Grand Cross of St. Gregory, Vatican Decorated.

As Knight Grand Cross, Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos – exactly nine years to the day on October 24, 2010 – he invested into the O.B.S.S. Knighthood Fr. Vlahopoulos, Fr. Hubal and Fr. Warhola. At the same time, he also invested as a Dame, Deaconess Joy Elaine Ebersole.

The Byzantine Order of the Holy Sepulchre (O.B.S.S.) is a sovereign, Dynastic Order of Chivalry that was founded in 325 A.D. when St. Constantine organized the knights to guard the Holy Sepulchre of Jesus Christ, where He was buried and resurrected. St. Constantine was the son of St. Helen who discovered the Holy Cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. She also located many other Biblical sites, including the founding of the two basilicas on the Mount of Olives and at Bethlehem.

Today, the O.B.S.S. continues to defend the Holy Sites, especially the Holy Sepulchre of the Resurrection of Christ, as well as the values of Christian Chivalry, and forms part of the historical heritage of religious-chivalric orders. They form the Three Pillars of Orthodoxy – the Power of the Holy Gospel, the Power of the Holy Communion and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Please Pray For Us And Our Entities And Dependencies; Who Are Under Spiritual Protection and Omophorion of Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos

We ask that you join in praying for us and our entities and dependencies.

- The Archdiocese Office for the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Archdiocese Autocephalic Church in Exile A/K/A St. Michael Evangelical Orthodox Church, Inc. – West Palm Beach, Florida – **Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos.**
- Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos, Grand Prelate of St. Michael International, and member of the Magisterium of the Byzantine Order of the Holy Sepulchre (O.B.S.S.) in Malta.
- Archdiocesan Liaison Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos. Also Knight Chevalier of the O.B.S.S.
- Holy Theotokos Monastery and Shrine, West Palm Beach, Florida. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos, Deacon John Vesey, Deaconess Lois Bouchlas, Deaconess Anne Vesey and Deaconess Joy Ebersole.
- St. Michael Academy of Eschatology – West Palm Beach, Florida – Dean Deaconess Anna.
- St. Michael Academy/Museum, West Palm Beach, Florida – Museum Curator Deaconess Joy Ebersole.



Holy Theotokos – Blessed Mother

- Holy Theotokos Shrine in Jensen Beach, Florida.
- Christian Historical Treasure Museum and Children's Outreach – Fort Pierce, Florida – Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos.
- St. Michael Academy – Ghana, West Africa – Evangelist Joseph Andoh.
- St. Francis of the Woods – Coyle, Oklahoma – Fr. Robert Adair, Knight Chevalier, O.B.S.S. and Deacon Christopher Contreras.
- St. Nektarios and Panagia Soumela Greek Orthodox Church

- Clearwater, Florida – Fr. Theophanis Lemonakis.
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church – Denver, Colorado – Fr. Paul Constantine Warhola, also a Knight Chevalier, O.B.S.S., and Deacon Mason John Farrow.
- SS Peter and Paul Chapel – Bismarck, North Dakota – Fr. Robert P. Hubal. Also Knight Chevalier, O.B.S.S.
- St. Nectarios Monastery and Shrine in Fairview Park, Ohio – Metropolitan Archbishop + Germanos. Also Knight Chevalier, O.B.S.S.
- Clearfield County, Pennsylvania – Sub-Deacon Cole Wilson
- Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Ohio – Columbus, Ohio – Archpriest Michael Kirkland.
- Visiting celebrant St. Michael Shrine Chapel – Tarpon Springs, Florida.



Jesus Christ – God in the Flesh

Our Associate Brothers in Christ.

- Saint Gerasimos Monastery – Salamina, Greece – Bishop Abbot.
- Prayer partner St. Simeon Orthodox Renewal Center – Miramar, Florida – Rev. Archimandrite Eusebius Stephanou.
- Celebrant with San Hernan of Alaska Archieparchy, Buenos Aires, All Argentina, Bolivia and Chile – Bishop + Ioan Mark.
- Archbishop + Joseph J. Gouthro, the Bishop's House – Las Vegas, Nevada. Also Knight Chevalier, O.B.S.S.

Captions for Celebration of the Divine Liturgy



1. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos presides over the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Theotokos Monastery in West Palm Beach, Florida, that welcomed three churches into the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Archdiocese Autocephalic Church in Exile (A/K/A St. Michael Evangelical Orthodox Church, Inc.) under the omophorion of Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos.



2. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos presides over the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Theotokos Monastery. Participating in the Divine Liturgy on October 24, 2010 were (from left) Deacon John Vesey; Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos of St. Nektarios and Panagia Soumela Greek Orthodox Church of Clearwater, Florida; Fr. Robert P. Hubal of SS Peter and Paul Chapel, Bismarck, North Dakota; and (at the altar, but not visible) Fr. Paul Constantine Warhola of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Denver, Colorado



3. Conducting the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Theotokos Monastery are (from left) Fr. Robert Hubal, Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos, Fr. Paul Constantine Warhola and Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos.



4. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos participates in the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Theotokos Monastery on October 24, 2010 as Fr. Warhola, Fr. Vlahopoulos and Fr. Hubal stand at the altar.



5. Presenting the Divine Gifts prior to asking for them to be consecrated as the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are Fr. Warhola and Fr. Vlahopoulos.



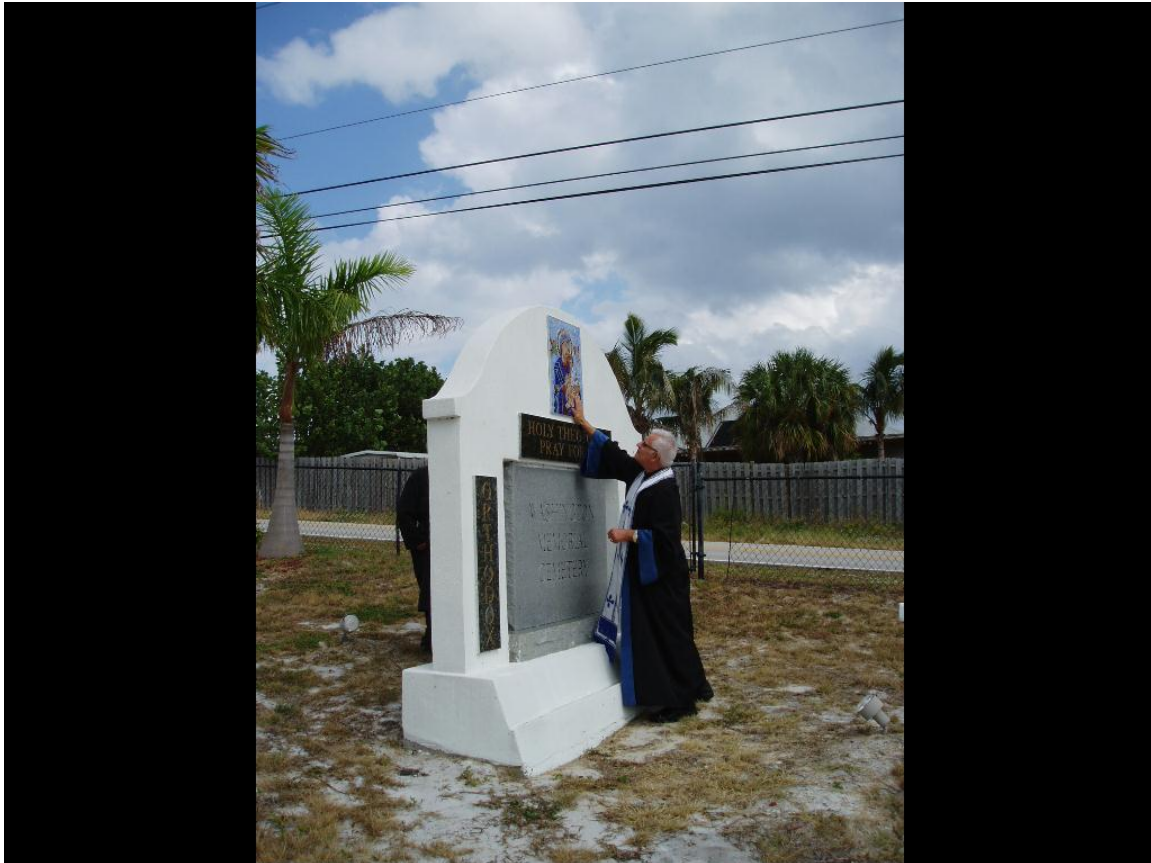
6. Preparing to take Holy Communion are Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos, Deacon John Vesey, Fr. Warhola and Fr. Vlahopoulos. Fr. Hubal is also at the altar.



7. Among those preparing to take Holy Communion are Deaconess Joy Ebersole, Joan Calcagno and Fred and Madeline Kurker. Also in attendance were Sam and Rhonda Bouchlas, Deaconess Lois Bouchlas and Deaconess Anne Vesey.

Captions for Paraklesis to the Blessed Mother, Holy Theotokos

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos took Fr. Paul Warhola, Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos and Fr. Robert Hubal to the Holy Theotokos Shrine in Jensen Beach, Florida, where they conducted a Paraklesis to the Blessed Mother, Holy Theotokos, Mother of Our God.



1. Reverencing the icon of the Holy Theotokos is Fr. Robert Hubal.



2. Prior to conducting the Paraklesis to the Blessed Mother – Holy Theotokos – Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos (center) talks with Fr. Robert Hubal, Fr. Paul Warhola and Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos.



3. Walking the grounds of the Holy Theotokos Shrine are Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos, Fr. Robert Hubal, Fr. Paul Warhola and Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos.



4. Conducting a Paraklesis to the Blessed Mother are Fr. Hubal, Fr. Vlahopoulos, Fr. Warhola and Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos.

Captions for Investiture into the O.B.S.S.

Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos invested three priests into the Byzantine Order of the Holy Sepulchre (O.B.S.S.) on Sunday, October 24, 2010 – Fr. Robert Hubal, Fr. Paul Warhola and Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos. At the same time, Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos also invested Deaconess Joy Elaine Ebersole as a Dame into the O.B.S.S.



1. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos takes the sword that is used as part of the investiture \. He was invested as Knight Grand Cross in Valetta, Malta, in 2001.



2. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos explains the important role that knights and dames play in the O.B.S.S. when it comes to protecting the Holy Sites, especially the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus Christ was buried and resurrected. Preparing for their investitures are (from left) Deaconess Joy Elaine Ebersole, Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos, Fr. Robert Hubal and Fr. Paul Warhola.



3. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos uses a sword to start the investitures. He is putting the sword on Fr. Hubal to invest him into the Holy Order of the O.B.S.S. Looking on are Joan Calcagno and Fred and Madeline Kurker.



4. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos invests Deaconess Joy Ebersole as a Dame into the O.B.S.S., while Fr. Vlahopoulos prepares for his investiture. Also participating in the investiture is Lois Bouchlas, who was invested as a Dame in the O.B.S.S. in 2001.



5. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos invests Fr. Stephanos Vlahopoulos.



6. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos invests Fr. Robert Hubal. Assisting is Dame Lois Bouchlas.



7. Metropolitan Archbishop + Haralambos invests Fr. Paul Warhola.