

Announcement by the President of Holy Trinity

Father Kurstan Vukashinov (August 1, 1934-June 5, 2020)

It is with great sorrow and regret that I announce the death of Father Kurstan Voukashinov on June 5, 2020. He passed away after a brief illness at the age of 85 in Bulgaria. He served with distinction for many years as our priest at our beloved Holy Trinity Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church in Toronto. He was a very friendly and welcoming religious leader of our parish and all parishioners and members viewed him as a caring and compassionate spiritual father and friend. We remember him for his beautiful chants and singing voice, his wonderful smile, his sense of humour and his brotherly love. Bog da go prosti and may his memory be eternal! God rest his soul.

Nick Stefanoff

President

Holy Trinity Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church

Announcement by the parish priest Fr. Velichko Mihaylov and link to the funeral service in our church

To all who know Fr. Krustan Voukashinov,
Dear Friends,

Some of you already know but it is also my sad duty to tell you that Fr. Krustan Voukashinov, after a short illness, reposed in the Lord yesterday – June 5 2020 in Sofia. He departed this world in a Christian manner.

On Monday I am planning also to have a memorial prayer for Fr. Krustan at Holy Trinity church. Fr. Krustan touched the life and the souls of many people from the Macedono-Bulgarian community. Please be so kind to tell the people who knew him that he had reposed in the Lord, and that I will honor him with prayers on behalf of all of you and on my behalf.

Again – it is sad for us, that we have this news and that it came on the eve of the Feast Day of Holy Trinity Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church where he officiate at the altar more than 20 years. The Triune God summoned Fr. Krustan to Himself to celebrate in Heaven and to rejoice in the Eternal beauty of God's countenance.

Memory Eternal.

V. Rev. Velichko Mihaylov,

Dear friends,

Memorial prayer

For those of us who would like to part with Fr. Christian with a prayer, herewith I am sending a link to a memorial prayer in his memory:

https://youtu.be/C8_0xQTWvKA

May God grant peace and tranquility to the soul of the beloved of the whole Macedono – Bulgarian church community in Toronto, Father Christian, and repose his soul where the souls of the righteous who departed this life before us are reposed, and lead us to a better and virtuous life under His protection.

Prayerfully Yours in Christ,

Fr. V.M.

Thank you letter by Fr. Krustan's family

Dear Fr. Velichko and all brothers and sisters at Holy Trinity and of the Macedonian-Bulgarian community in Toronto,

With all our heart and soul we thank you for the compassion and for the warm and deeply moving words on the occasion of the passing of the newly departed and blessed in God father Krustan Voukashinov! Your condolatory address was read at the funeral service by the spiritual mentor of the Diocese of Sofia, Fr. Angel Angelov. Indeed, it is a sad coincidence and thus was God's will, for Fr. Krystan to leave us in the days in which we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. Now, it is our duty to pray for his soul.

May he rest in peace! May God rest his soul in the heavenly regions of the righteous!
May God grant you strong health, spiritual joy, earthly happiness and celestial salvation!

With much love and gratitude:

Presbytera Elenitsa, Fr. Kiril, Maria, Christian, Vaska and Elenitsa Jr.

(English translation by Vassil Popvassilev)