

Protopresbyter Blagoy Tchiflianov
(1923 – 2018)

Protopresbyter Blagoy Tchiflianov, a distinguished Bulgarian liturgical expert and Professor was born in 1923 in Istanbul (Tzarigrad), Turkey. Studied at the Bulgarian school "Exarch Yossif" and at the French College "St. Michel", after which he graduated from the Sofia Seminary and from the post-secondary Spiritual Academy "St. Clement of Ochrid".

The beginning of his clerical service was as a parish priest at the Bulgarian Church Parish in Tzarigrad. His service continued in Bulgaria at the Sofia churches "St. Petka", "St. Nicolas Myrrh Lycaean and Wonderworker", "Sts. Sedmochislenitzi" ("Sts. Cyril and Methodius and their Five Disciples"), "St. Nedelia" ("St. Domenica") and as a transient (Ephemeral) at the Patriarchal Cathedral "St. Alexander Nevsky".

Starting 1967 Stavrophoral Archpriest Tchiflianov is Assistant Professor in Liturgical Studies at the Spiritual Academy "St. Clement of Ochrid". On November 1, 1973 the Holy Synod appoints him as a full Professor at the Chair of Liturgical Studies. Since 1982 he serves as a parish priest at "Holy Trinity", Macedono-Bulgarian church in Toronto for 10 years.

Professor Tchiflianov had knowledge of the classic languages, as well as English, French, New-Greek and Turkish. He published over 60 studies and articles on the subject of the Orthodox Liturgy. His broad linguistic skills and the profound expertise in working with external sources made him one of the leading scholars in Liturgical Studies in the country.

On January 10, 2016 at a celebration in the church hall of "Holy Trinity" church in Toronto a honorary diploma was awarded to Archpriest Tchiflianov by the General Consul of Republic of Bulgaria, Mr. Petar Kraitchev. The award was in recognition of the merits of the distinguished Bulgarian clergyman and in gratitude for his "many years of contribution for the preservation of the Bulgarian spiritual culture and identity in Canada" (see our publication of this event [here](#)).

May God receive him in His Kingdom! Eternal and blessed be his memory!