

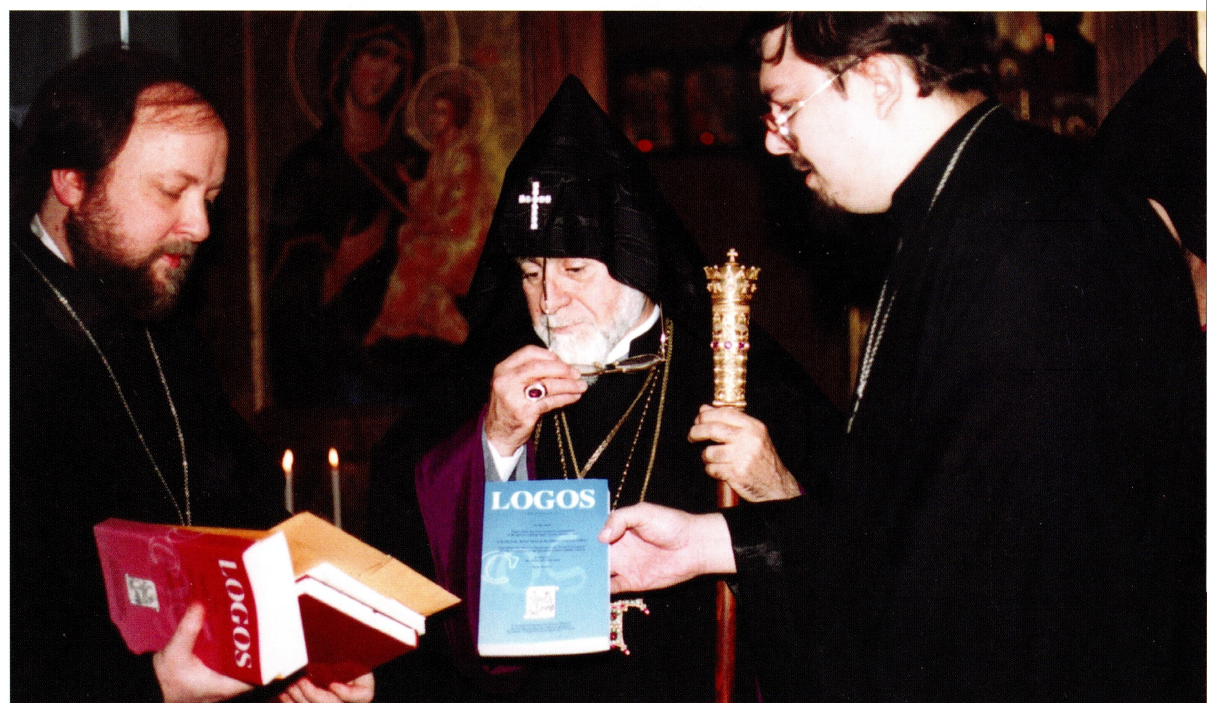
And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

II Corinthians 11: 28

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WORKING FOR AND WITH
ALL THE EASTERN CHURCHES

“Church” without “communion” is a contradiction in terms. And while all of the Eastern Churches do not yet enjoy full communion with each other, solid knowledge of their diverse histories and teachings will enable them – and others – to bear a common witness to Christ. A knowledge of all of these Churches is also desperately needed among Western Christians. The Sheptytsky Institute strives for the kind of intellectual “communion” that will hopefully pave the way to deeper forms of engagement.



Top left: During one of the early meetings of the Canadian Association of Eastern Christian Studies, which always met during annual conventions of the Canadian Learned Societies Congress. Fr. Chirovsky was the Association's first president. Those with him in the photo represent the following Eastern Churches (seated left to right): Orthodox Church in America, Romanian Orthodox, Maronite, Ukrainian Orthodox, (standing left to right) Greek Orthodox, Carpatho-Russian Orthodox, Romanian Greco-Catholic, and Melkite Catholic.

Above: In 1997, His Holiness Patriarch Karekin I, head of the Armenian

Fr. Andriy Chirovsky after a meeting at St. Andrew's College with Dr. Roman Yeroniuk, Fr. Timofiy



Top: Sheptytsky Institute professors had the honour of meeting with Metropolitan Philip Saliba, primate of the Antiochene Orthodox Church of North America, during his visit to Ottawa in 2001. The Metropolitan presents Fr. Andriy with a souvenir.

Above: In 1998, Fr. Peter Galadza brought together scholars of several Eastern Churches for a symposium on English translations of Byzantine liturgical texts. Funded in part by Bishop Basil Losten, the symposium took place on the beautiful campus of St. Basil's College in Stamford, Connecticut. Fourth from the left is Archimandrite Ephrem Lash, one of the world's most renowned specialists in the field.

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Above: Fr. Andrew Onuferko, director of the summer program in Ottawa and the students, pose with the local Ethiopian Orthodox pastor during a field trip.

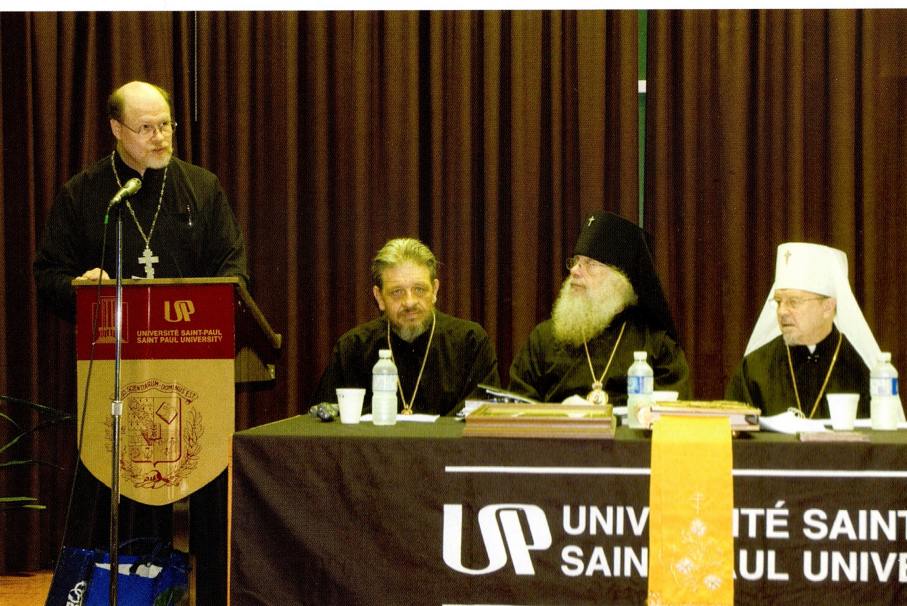


Above right: A visit to an Ethiopian Orthodox Church outside Toronto during a summer session in Orangeville. For the students from Ukraine, who formed a large part of the student body that summer, this was a rare opportunity to meet representatives of the ancient Church.





Left: In 2012, the Romanian Orthodox Church (Patriarchate of Bucharest) chose the Sheptytsky Institute as the site for their annual conference on spirituality. Bishop Ioan Casian and Archbishop Nicolae pose with Prof. Lucian Turcescu (middle), Fr. Radu Bordeianu of Duquesne University, and Fr. Peter Galadza. The three of them, including Fr. Peter, were the main speakers at the conference, devoted to the topic of sacraments.



Left: In 2007, the Canadian diocese of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) chose Saint Paul University as the site for its national assembly. Fr. Stephan Wojcichowsky welcomes the hierarchs and delegates of the OCA to the University.

Below left: The Sheptytsky Institute has been immensely enriched by its contacts with an agency that has been working with all of the Eastern Churches — both Catholic and Orthodox — since 1926. Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky director of the Institute, with officers of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Msgr. John Faris, Msgr. Robert Stern, and Carl Hétu.



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Left: In 1998, CNEWA's monthly magazine featured an article on the Sheptytsky Institute, entitled "Combining Theology and Contemplation."

Fr. John Jillions, an archpriest of the Orthodox Church in America, was a full-time professor of the Sheptytsky Institute from 2003 to 2013. He greatly facilitated work with various Eastern Churches.

