

## **FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR ARCHIMANDRITE ILYA (BARNA)**

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 13th, 14th and 15th, the Funeral Services were held for Archimandrite Ilya (Barna) at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Redford, Michigan, where he was the Pastor Emeritus, and where his son, Archpriest Timothy Barna is the Pastor. A total of 15 priests and one deacon attended the services, including all 7 all priests of Patriarchal Parishes and 1 deacon who live in Michigan.

On Wednesday evening a Panikhida was served, with 7 priests (6 of whom served) and 1 deacon, with the Dean of the Central States Deanery, Archpriest Roman Star, presiding, and with almost 100 people present.

On Thursday evening the full service of the Burial of a Priest was served, with about 200 people present, including 9 priests (7 of who served) and 1 deacon and 1 subdeacon. Again, the Dean of the Central States Deanery presided. Some members of the COCC's Orthodox Choir of Metro-Detroit, conducted by Matushka Victoria Kopistiansky, beautifully sang the responses.

On Friday morning, Archpriest Timothy Barna presided at the funeral Divine Liturgy for his father, concelebrated by 7 other priests, 1 deacon and 1 subdeacon. After the Liturgy, the Dean, Fr. Roman Star, presided at the Panikhida, followed by the procession around the church with the coffin. A memorial meal was then served in the church's banquet hall. On Saturday, May 16th, Fr. Ilya's coffin was taken to Reading, PA, for his interment at the St. Nicholas Cemetery on Monday.

The clergy who participated in the 3 funeral services for Archimandrite Il'ya are:

### Patriarchal Parishes Clergy:

Archpriest Roman Star, *Dean, Central States Deanery & Pastor, St. Innocent Church, Redford, MI*

Archpriest Timothy Barna, *Pastor, St. Michael the Archangel Church, Redford, MI*

Archpriest Paul Waters, *Pastor, Dormition Catholicon, Benld, IL*

Archpriest Lawrence Bacik, *Pastor, St. Elias Church, Battle Creek, MI*

Priest Christopher Rozdilski, *Pastor, St. Andrew Church, East Lansing, MI*

Priest Daneil Shirak, *Assistant Priest, St. Innocent Church, Redford, MI*

Priest James Anthony, *Pastor, St. John Chrysostom Church, Grand Rapids, MI*

Deacon Daniel Woytovich, *St. Michael the Archangel Church, Redford, MI*

### Non-Patriarchal Priests:

Protopresbyter Laurence Lazar, *Pastor, St. George Romanian Cathedral & Dean, Michigan ROEA Deanery*

Archpriest Andrew Yavornitzky, *Pastor, St. Mark OCA Church, Rochester Hills, MI, and Dean, Michigan OCA Deanery*

Archpriest Romey Rosco, *Pastor, Ss. Peter & Paul Romanian Church, Dearborn Heights (ROEA)*

Archpriest George Shaloub, *Pastor, St. Mary's Antiochian Church, Livonia, MI*

Archpriest Dimitrie Vincent, *Pastor, St. Thomas Albanian (OCA) Church, Farmington Hills, MI*

Archpriest Slavcho Panyev, *St. Clement Bulgarian (Patriarchal) Church, Dearborn*

Fr. Lev Kopistiansky, *Holy Trinity OCA Church, Detroit, MI*

Fr. John Fenton, *Holy Incarnation Antiochian Church, Lincoln Park, MI*

The three days of Funeral Services held at St. Michael's Church for its Pastor and Pastor-Emeritus since 1975 were beautiful and a very fitting farewell for the much-beloved 96-year-old senior cleric of the Moscow Patriarchal Parishes. As one priest lamented.... "another generation gone."