

Repose of the Mitred Archpriest Wsewolod Dutikow

With immense sadness, we learned yesterday of the repose of Father Wsewolod Dutikow, 86, one of the senior Priests of our Sister Church, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, and Pastor of the Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church (ROCA) in Astoria, NY, which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Father Wsewolod was born in Russia and came to the West with the Russian émigré community. Father and his charming wife, Matushka Irina Dutikow, visited our communities in Etna in 2009, and Metropolitan Chrysostomos, Bishop Auxentios, Archimandrite Akakios, Abbot of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, and several of the nuns from the Convent of St. Elizabeth the Grand Duchess of Russia were later hosted and afforded the inimitable hospitality of Father and his wife in Astoria. The loss for the ROCA, for the Orthodox Church in general, and for all of us personally is simply incalculable. Our solace is that Father Wsewolod reposed without suffering, that there is no doubt that the rewards for his labors for the Church will give him a place of eminence in the Heavenly Kingdom, and that we have Matushka Irina, herself a remarkable servant of Christ, to remind us of his fervor by her own warmth and zeal. May his memory be eternal! Вечная память!

See, below, a photograph in the Holy Trinity Church of (left to right) Archpriest Wsewolod, Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Etna, and Bishop Auxentios of Etna and Portland, during a visit with Father and Matushka on the two Hierarchs' return from England and Greece in 2010. Also see, below the photograph, the tribute to Father Wsewolod, in Russian and English, written today by Archbishop Andronik of Syracuse and St. Nicholas, under whom Father served.

