Alexii and Zina Bushunow Joined in the Mystery of Matrimony

On September 24, 2012 (Old Style), the Feast of St. Thekla, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Alexii Bushunow, the son of Deacon Father Dr. Peter and Diakonissa Milica (Melissa) Bushnow, from our Exarchate parish of the Holy Ascension in Rochester, NY, and Zina Tazine, the daughter of Sergei and Irina Tazin of Moscow, Russia, and New York City, were joined in the Mystery of Holy Matrimony. The service was celebrated by Archbishop Andronik of our Sister Church, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, at the St. Sergius parish in Valley Cottage, NY, and was followed by a gala dinner and celebration at the New York Country Club in New Hempstead, NY.

His Eminence, Archbishop Chrysostomos and His Grace, Bishop Auxentios were scheduled to concelebrate the wedding with His Eminence, Archbishop Andronik, but Archbishop Chrysostomos was unable to attend for health reasons and Bishop Auxentios was prevented from attending by time restraints related to his departure for Greece and the annual meeting of the Holy Synod. Both Hierarchs, however, sent their warmest greetings, as well as flowers, to the new couple and their families, wishing them "Many Years" of happy marriage.

Pictured below (left to right), are the bride, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tazin, Archpriest Gregory Kotlaroff (the brother in the flesh of of Archbishop Andronik and pastor of the St. Sergius Church), His Eminence, Archbishop Andronik, Deacon Father Peter Bushunow, the groom, and Diakonissa Melissa Bushunow.

