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## Another solid step forward en route of both Albanian Orthodox Dioceses of Usa

### Albanian Orthodox Dioceses of America

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**USPA NEWS** - Despite the fact that Albanian Archdiocese of America was created even before Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Albania existed, giving its enormous contribution in enrichment of ecclesiastic literature in Albanian, the demons of communism Albania then, achieved to divide her. Albanian orthodox comm

After the overthrow of the communist regime in Albania, and under the new spirit of brotherhood and cooperation shared from both our arch hierarch, his eminence archbishop Nikon and his eminence bishop Ilia, the controversies of the past were left behind and our both dioceses have been in path of cooperation for quite some years now. Participation of his eminence arch Bishop Nikon in this Sunday Eucharist at St Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church in Chicago, consists in another cornerstone in this long waiting process for cooperation and integration of both Albanian Orthodox Dioceses in America.

. Arch bishop Nikon gave a very meaningful message during his sermon when he said: ““} our past division amongst our Churches is a proof that demons never stop working, but at the end we prevailed““[?]. Our both arc hierarch will bring this spirit of brotherhood cooperation in the Synod of 54 pan-American Orthodox Bishops, gathering this week in Chicago, where one of the topic of discussion will be nationwide Coordination of of Orthodox Church leadership cooperation.

Beside this event, the community of St Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church in Chicago had one more reason to keep celebrating. After countless efforts, with blessings from Patriacane and Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America headed by his eminence Ilia, it was finally achieved to bring a new priest, his grace Konstantin Tuda, an Albanian cleric educated in Albanian theological schools, who before coming in America was holding high ecclesiastic position within Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Albania, headed by his beatitude Anastas. So, St Nicholas Church will keep up the tradition started by Fan Noli on 1908, holding the mess in Albanian language.

Albanian new-comers or the ones born and raised in America will never feel minority in St. Nicholas Church. In the spirit of openness and brotherhood framed here, St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church will continue to offer for free every Sunday after the mess, for every believer and compatriot : coffee, sweets and occasionally traditional Qyteza and Sinica byrek

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