



*Renaissance Church of Christ
Sofia, Bulgaria
April 20, 2023*

*“I can do everything through
Him who gives me strength”
Philippians 4:13*

*Dear friends, brothers, and
sisters in Christ!*

*Greetings from Hristo and
Vania Arnaudov, servants of the
Lord at the Renaissance Church of
Christ in Sofia, Bulgaria! Grace
and peace to all of you who pray
for us and support our ministry in
Bulgaria!*

*We hope that you are
healthy and well, and that God's
peace which the world does not
know, fills your hearts. We are
very grateful to God for all of you,
for we all serve our heavenly
Father together, despite our
various locations!*

*Another winter season is
behind us with God's help and
unlike last year, it was much more
mild and with a lot less snow. We
thank God for this because the gas,
electric and wood prices were sky-
high this year. The high inflation
rates we felt by everyone here and
in all different areas of life,
especially because for two long*

*years, Bulgaria has not been able
to form a permanent government.
This is the reason for Bulgaria to
rank much lower compared to
most other European countries.*

*I would like to share my joy
in that there are brothers and
sisters filled with zeal for the Lord
who face the difficulties with
prayer and trust in the living
God. We all pray fervently
together for the problems in our
country and believe that God is
merciful and will give us the
necessary patience, and a way out
of this so we can get through these
challenging times. We have all
held firmly onto the Word of God
and His promises. With very few
exceptions, now mostly everyone
attends the worship services in
person or online.*

*We all pray for the war
between Russia and Ukraine to
cease. Our prayers for sister
Natasha's family continue. She is
unable to keep a regular contact
with her mother and other close*

relatives who have remained in Ukraine. Her sister's family is now in Estonia - the language barrier here, along with the fact that they were unable to find appropriate work within the short month they spent in Bulgaria were the two main reasons they felt compelled to travel to Estonia and are currently working there.

Our congregation recently held our annual report meeting on the life and activity of the church. New and old members of the congregation have expressed interest in ministering in various ways. Sister Patience from South Africa, along with Natasha and Antonia will be involved in the children's ministry, as well as helping elsewhere, as needed. Very active also in the leading of the worship services is Nikolay Genov, a student at Sofia University and Samuel Amadin from Nigeria, with preaching.

Brother Nikolay (in the background) during prayer for the children!



The church had a dire need for new microphones as the old ones were becoming too old and not functioning properly, and in addition, we needed more than the 3-4 originally in use, so we needed to purchase new ones.

There are now more English-speaking attendees, and this requires more interpreters all throughout the worship service - for prayers, Communion, and preaching. Currently in this ministry is Bisser, performing interpretation remotely (via YouTube, where he watches the live streaming of the Worship and using a Viber (app) group for the English-speaking members who listen to him), as well as Natalie and Radostina interpreting onsite for the English-speaking brethren who preach and when some of them lead a prayer.

Radostina interpreting for Samuel



Natalie interpreting for brother Bill Bynum



A Wedding at the Renaissance church



At the beginning of March, we had a wedding at the Renaissance church. Brother Samuel Amadin Uwagboe from Nigeria married Radostina. We had a small, warm wedding ceremony at the church on Sunday, March 5 with thoughts shared from the Bible focusing on the union between a man and a woman as designed by our Creator.

After the sermon, the church and three preachers prayed over the new family - brother Bill Bynum, a US missionary to Prague, Czech Republic who was visiting Sofia, and Samuel's father, who is a preacher in the UK.

Prayer for the newlyweds



It was a very blessed day, filled with joy and happiness.



Fellowship Wedding Meal



The children's ministry at the church continues with age-appropriate lessons focusing on studying the Bible. Ladies' Bible

studies with fellowship also take place based on everyone's availability.

As a church, we have been invited to attend Christian conferences this summer in Athens, Greece (in June) and in Prague, Czech Republic (in August). Many have expressed interest in going, however, travel expenses is an issue for most. We are in discussions with those church members about what would be the best and most affordable way to travel but so far, have been unable to find a suitable option.

We commemorated Christ's glorious Resurrection this past Sunday (April 16). As this is also a family holiday with a 4-day weekend, many church members traveled out of town to be with family and loved ones. For those who remained in Sofia, we shared a brotherly meal after worship.

Easter lunch at the church



The children at Renaissance church

Our prayers on behalf of those unable to attend continue - sister Ginka, who has been unable to attend for a long time due to heart-related problems, sisters Ruska and Perka, who are elderly and have difficulty walking. We pray for many brothers and sisters from all throughout Bulgaria who have serious health issues as well. We offer prayers to God on behalf of the Hanna family as brother Rafik has been transitioned to Bucharest, Romania from his job and his family who is still in Sofia often travel there on weekends and longer holidays in order to be with him.

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers and support of our ministry! May God bless all with His abundant blessings!



*In God's mighty hand and
in His love,*

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