

Confraternity News

Dear Confreres and Friends of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul,
Greetings one and all.

Today I am humbled to say that on behalf of the Supreme Council of the Confraternity, I would like to approve four new chapters to our Orthodox list. Thanks to His Excellency Chevalier The Rt. Rev. Dr. Archimandrite Andrew Vujisić, Deputy Grand Master for the Orthodox Community and Chevalier Rev. Fr. Dr. Peter DiLeo-Vulic - Grand Prior for Puerto Rico for their work to establish these new chapters.

Today also I would like to approve a chapter in Spain and another in Brazil.

New Chapters:

Valencia - Spain

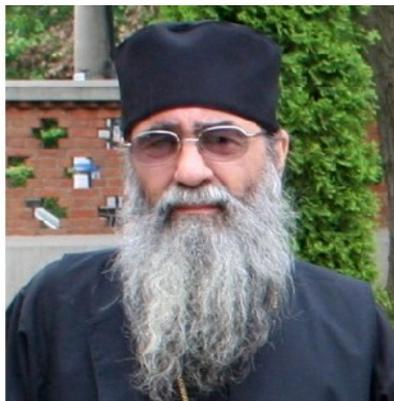
San Paulo - Brazil

Northern Macedonia,

Moldova,

Montenegro

Syrian



Picture from left: Chevalier The Rt. Rev. Dr. Archimandrite Andrew Vujisić and Chevalier Rev. Fr. Dr. Peter DiLeo – Vulic

Dear friends, The world is going through a historic Covid pandemic and we need to pray for this terrible disease to pass away. In our prayers we request the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to protect us, our family and in particular the communities of Puerto Rico and Montenegro who need our prayers in these difficult times.

St. Peter and St. Paul Protect us from this terrible disease.

Blessed be God the Father.



The Divine Praises (*Laudes Divina*)

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Amen.

Orthodox Christmas

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul celebrates a Catholic and an Orthodox Christmas. Today we have a message from His Excellency Chevalier Dr. Archimandrite Andrew Vujisić - Deputy Grand Master for the Orthodox Community.

December 25, 2021 (OS) / January 7, 2022 (NS)

Mir Božiji, Hristos se rodi!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!



Roždestvo Tvoje, Hriste, Bože naš,

**vosija mirovi svjet razuma,
v nem bo zvjezdama služajući**

**zvjezdaju učahusja
Tebje klanjatisja,**

**Solncu pravdi,
i Tebje vjedjeti s visoti Vostoka,
Gospodi, Slava Tebje.**

**Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,
has shone forth to the world the light of wisdom!
For by it, those who worshiped the stars
were taught by a star
to adore Thee
the Sun of Righteousness
and to know Thee, the Orient from on High
O Lord, glory to Thee!**

**Receive our heartfelt greetings for the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord and God and Savior
Jesus Christ.**

**In the inspiring words of St. Gregory the Theologian [Oration 38 — Irmos of Ode 1 of the
Nativity Canon]:**

**Christ is born, glorify Him!
Christ from Heaven, go out to meet Him!
Christ on earth; be ye exalted!
Sing unto the Lord all the whole earth;
and that I may join both in one word,
Let the Heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad,
for Him Who is of Heaven and then of earth.
Christ in the flesh, rejoice with trembling and with joy;
with trembling because of your sins, with joy because of your hope.
Who does not worship Him That is from the beginning?
Who does not glorify Him That is the Last?**

May Christ our true God — Who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation, through the intercessions of His most pure, immaculate, and all-holy Mother — be mysteriously born in our hearts that we might have “life, and... have it more abundantly” [John 10:10].

Together with the joy of the Incarnation [and in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic], we would like to announce that the local Syrian Orthodox Parish Priest, his wife, and some 27 adult parishioners will be joining the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul [and pending the instructions of the Grand Master — forming a Syriac Chapter]. Additionally, new chapters [headed by Orthodox clergymen] are now forming in Northern Macedonia, Moldova, and Montenegro [with a total of 75 new Knights and Dames].

Please pray for Puerto Rico. The [reported] new infections on the island [for January 11, 2022] were 34,623. This is a staggering number of new infections considering that the island is only some 100 miles long [east to west] and 35 miles wide [north to south] — with a population of 3.19 million. Montenegro also needs urgent prayers — approximately 1/3 of the population has been infected with COVID-19.

Notwithstanding the pandemic, we must move on in faith according to the purposes of the Confraternity — 'serving God and His people.'

With prayerful wishes for God's help in the New Year — and with love in the Blessed Christ-Child,

Chevalier Archimandrite Andrew [Vujisić]