



*Renaissance Church of Christ
Sofia, Bulgaria
January 12, 2025*

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

*Praise be to God dear
friends, brothers and sisters!*

*Greetings from Hristo and
Vania Arnaudov, servants of the
Lord at the Renaissance Church of
Christ in Sofia, Bulgaria!*

*We wish everyone of you a
peaceful and healthy year 2025
under God's abundant blessings!*

*Yet another year of our life
went by with God's help, a year
filled with tension, unknowns,
difficulties.*

*The war between Russia
and Ukraine in which many
young people continue to die. The
conflict between Israel and
Hamas and the events in Syria
are all very discouraging. But we
pray that God may change minds
and hearts so that this bloodshed
can cease.*

*Since late Fall the country
has been experiencing a cocktail
of viruses and as of the beginning*

*of the holiday season, the flu
epidemic also started. There are
many children sick and absent
from school. The elderly are also
affected by this.*

*We pray for some of our
elderly brothers and sisters - both
from Sofia and other cities in the
country. Ginka has been
diagnosed with cancer; Veska also
needs our prayers due to other
health issues, along with Gencho
and Mishia - elderly, living alone,
with dementia and disability.
Diana from Varna and Vassia
from Plovdiv, Dimitar from
Assenovgrad, are all in need of
our fervent prayers on their
behalf as they have all been
diagnosed with and are fighting
cancer.*

*We believe in the power of
prayer and the church prays for
all who are sick and trust in the
Lord. No matter what happens in
our life, we thank God and are
grateful for the answered prayers
- everything is in His control. We*

should remain faithful till the end despite the circumstances that surround us.

Our worship services continue every Sunday, and we are glad that people have interest, desire and ability to attend in person. Nikolay, Yordan, and Samuel



continue to participate through various ministries as God has given each a talent to do so. We continue to encourage them to be active and to encourage others in turn. We had the blessing of brother Bill Bynum ministering to the church with the word of God for two Sundays this past Fall. He is a missionary serving the church in Prague but often visiting Sofia and serving the Lord here.

Like every year in November, we observed the Day of the Christian family and had a series of lessons with a focus on the family and the relationship between parents and children in the light of the Bible. We concluded the month with a time

of fellowship for the Christian families in our congregation.



My wife Vania continues to lead the ladies' meetings, as well as teach the children in Sunday school. Our hope is that more sisters will get involved in this ministry as more and more English-speaking families with children now attend and we need someone to work with them.

We continue to also work on an individual basis with those who are unable to attend worship.

Prior to the official Christmas holidays, we had some events planned for the ladies and the children - time of fellowship, worship, gifts and exchange, love and joy shared among all.



The children prepared a Christmas program with songs and poems focused on the birth of our Savior. The children's excitement on this holiday is great and they enjoy it a lot as they are not old enough to understand the significance of Jesus' birth and, the importance of the Christmas worship service we hold - inviting also non-believers and sharing with them the Gospel of Christ!





Our plans for this next year once again include seminars and possibly, a summer camp for the children. We will continue with planning some outings and short trips with the children where they can spend time in nature and build stronger bonds and relationships. As usual, in the colder days or inclement weather, they can continue to have time of fellowship at the church building, watching Christian movies or playing board games.

As many of the children have now become teenagers, we plan to give them the opportunity to get involved in the worship

service by reading Scripture for the upcoming lesson or sermon, as well as praying for the contribution.

We are grateful to God for His care and help, protection and all the many blessings. We thank Him for all of you who serve together with us on His field!

Thank you for your words of encouragement through notes, letters, cards and emails, your financial support, and prayers! May the Lord bless you all!

In God's mighty hand and
in His love,
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