

THE HISTORY OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA

Evangelical Christian Church was founded in 1940 by a group of Slavic evangelical believers immigrated to Los Angeles from Russia and Ukraine. In 1945, the church was registered in California. Its first services were held in rented quarters.



The church in 1945

The church grew due to the arrival of new Slavic immigrants, believers in Jesus Christ, after World War II, with the addition of converts from Slavs already living in Los Angeles. In the late 1950s, the Church was replenished with evangelical Christians emigrated from Argentina.



The Church in 1950

In 1973, the Church acquired a better and more spacious House of Prayer at 2000 W. Olympic Blvd., Montebello. The House of Prayer was purchased with the funds collected from church members' voluntary offerings, and was fully paid off at the time of purchase. Until this time both worship services and Church fellowships had taken place at the same address.



The Church in 1973

A large immigration wave of evangelical believers from the former Soviet Union to the USA had begun in late 1980. The Church took an active role in receiving and aiding newcomers. Dozens of families, who subsequently moved to various cities in the US, were welcomed and warmed by the love of the local Christians. For various reasons, not everyone was able to settle down and continue to live in the huge metropolis of Los Angeles, but those who stayed are today's core of the church.



Year 2005

THE PASTORS AND MINISTERS OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH



John Johnson-Kondratyev, the founder of the Evangelical Christian Union in USA. In 1907 he founded the First Evangelical Church in New York. In 1940 he moved to Los Angeles where he pastored the church of evangelical Christians. He passed to eternity in 1947.



Church Pastors:

Peter Kolyada,
Ivan Chubiy, brother Timoshenko

	<p>Ivan Chubiy served as a pastor of the church for more than 20 years, until 1987. He started his ministry in the Evangelical Church of Buenos Aires, Argentina.</p>
	<p>From 1987 to 2000, the pastoral ministry was performed by brother Peter Triputko. At that time, dozens of immigrants' families from the former Soviet Union were helped to settle in the United States.</p>
	<p>From June 2000 to April 2004, the pastoral ministry of the ECHC was performed by brother Gennady Sergienko. Today he is serving in one of the evangelical seminaries in Moscow.</p>
	<p>In May of 2004, Joseph Sheremet accepted the pastoral ministry in the church. Joseph was ordained to the ministry of the pastor-evangelist in 1998 in the "Transfiguration" Church, Khartsyzsk, Donetsk region, Ukraine. In the fall of 1999, he moved with his family to get spiritual education in the United States. In the summer of 2005 he completed the Master of Divinity program. (The Master's Seminary, Sun Valley, CA). In early 2008, Joseph Sheremet left the pastoral ministry and moved with his family to another state.</p>
	<p>Since March 3rd of 2008, Konopelkin Valery Olegovich was elected at the general congregational meeting for pastoral ministry in the church.</p>

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