

been very instrumental in this process of transition to the EOC. The service, though a little rough in places, went well and it was a great blessing to share communion together with these brothers and sisters for the first time. During the service, as had been determined before hand, the members present were received into the EOC by renewal of baptismal vows, since all had formerly been baptized and chrismated in prior church traditions. The main as St. Andrew a fitting choice since St. Apostle, and this was formed in Burundi.



So, in short, Bp. church were received the other churches he received in him as their EOC will begin using into it, and over time the other churches as they are ready will follow suit. Bp. Telesphore is obviously the bishop there by more than title, his giftings in the Spirit bearing witness. Fr. Severin and the other pastors are also gifted and godly men who honor their overseer and live and shepherd in harmony. There seemed to be no good reason to do anything other than name what is already there and receive them with their orders already in place. They will be given the time between now and when Bp. Jerold goes again at the end of the year to grow into functional EOC churches. Then, when Bp. Jerold is there, he will formalize anything that needs to be made more formal, such as Bp. Telesphores place on the council of Bishops.

local church was constituted Evangelical Orthodox Church, Andrew was the first called the first EOC church being

Telesphore and his home as St. Andrew EOC, and all oversees were provisionally spiritual head. St. Andrew the EOC liturgy and growing

The next morning we loaded onto the bus, this time a nicer and less crowded one, and made the trip back to Kigali, Rwanda, where we remained for the rest of our two weeks in Africa. On the way back the bus driver was stopped for speeding, and since he had already been given his final warning, this time he was escorted to the closest law enforcement facility where his license was taken and we were told we would have to wait an hour for another driver to come. But, as we saw over and over again, Fr. Denis knew someone at the place and convinced him to let the driver take us the rest of the way home then report back to the police. He agreed and we continued on our way!

As we had done when we got into Kigali the first time, so when we returned we hit the ground running, first taking care of some “necessary” things like exchanging money, getting the cell phone activated, and getting the laptop connected to the Internet.

That evening (Monday), while I got caught up on e-mail messages and drafted a report to St. Paul EOC, Kathy and Sharon taught their first adult English class. They really enjoyed the class and got very positive feedback. It seems the people there are really anxious to learn English, which they see as a very necessary key to their future. Kathy and Sharon said one of the highlights of the evening was when one of the students pronounced “striking” as “streaking,” so Kathy and Sharon had to explain what a streaker is, which caused a great deal of laughing once the class got it. So much for classical English!