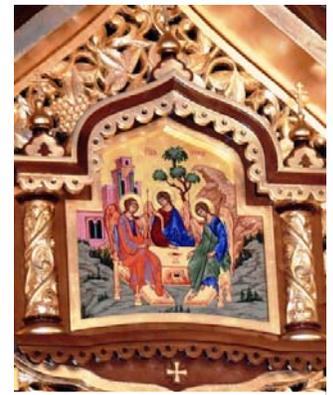


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Priest's Corner

“The powers of heaven now invisibly minister together with us; behold, now enters the King of Glory, as this mystical sacrifice is superlatively heralded.”

These words from the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, now emblazoned across our new iconostasis, encapsulates and exemplifies the very reason for the existence of the earthly Church. It is here, in this holy place, where Heaven and Earth are united during the Divine Liturgy. God is here, now and in this altar, present together with the Heavenly Host.

We have taken a major step toward the completion of the interior beautification of our church in preparation for its full consecration, scheduled for next July. As can be seen, there is still a great deal of work required to complete the iconostasis itself—to build new columns for the church, to complete the iconography, and to do a list of other improvements before this project is finished—and, we will continue working on it until it comes to its full fruition.

Some have asked why we put so much effort and money into our church. In answering this, I am reminded of the magnificent cathedrals of Europe, which took decades—if not centuries—to build. Builders, stonecutters, and sculptors, woodworkers and iconographers were born, lived, and died—spending an entire lifetime—building these churches. The answer to the question “Why?” is simple: all to the glory of God. All out of love and dedication to Him. In gratitude to God for His endless mercies, we give to Him our very best and nothing less. And while this gratitude is expressed outwardly by these efforts, we also understand that, most importantly, we must bring to God our spiritual “best.” This is why our churches are so beautifully adorned to His Glory—to allow us to sense a foreshadowing of the Eternal Kingdom, to give us a place to focus our attention on Him and on our spiritual lives. It is here, in our churches, where we can escape, for a time, our earthly concerns and difficulties and find peace. It is here, while still being earth dwellers, where we can experience the heavenly; here, instead of being overly concerned with the tangible, we can reach out and

touch the intangible; here, the temporal becomes secondary as we seek out the eternal.

The artisans of the past knew this and were grateful to have had the opportunity to create something so magnificent to the glory of God. Who these people were no one knows, but God does. In a similar fashion, a few generations from now, we too shall be forgotten. But this is of no concern to us. What is, is that we will have had the opportunity to create something beautiful to the glory of God and to provide our children and (God willing) many future generations, a place where they too may glorify Him and take advantage of the Grace that abides in this holy place unto the salvation of their souls.

“Let us approach with Faith and Love, that we too may be partakers of Eternal Life.”

God bless! Fr. Alexander

Congratulations to all our Name's day celebrants*:

- Sept. 30 – Vera Peterson (omitted in the last issue)
- Oct. 1 – Ariadna Baranoff and Arina Posternak
- Oct. 4 – Subdeacon Dimitri Shikaloff and Demetrius Handelih
- Oct. 15 – Justina Montano
- Oct. 24 – Sinaida Evaschuk
- Oct. 25 – Fr. Martin Person
- Oct. 31 – Luke Roquemore
- Nov. 1 – John Poluektov
- Nov. 3 – Metropolitan Hilarion
- Nov. 4 – Anna Litvinenko
- Nov. 6 – Alexander Bodulov
- Nov. 8 – Dimitri Voronin
- Nov. 9 – Capitolina Huhulova
- Nov. 10 – Neonilla Lucas
- Nov. 16 – Protodeacon George Chrebtov
- Nov. 19 – Paul Saharoff
- Nov. 21 – Michael Bodulov Sr., Michael Bodulov Jr., Michael Chidlow, Michael Kirchanski, Michael (Jerrod) Logvy, Michael McPhee, Michael Mogilev Sr., and Michael Mogilev Jr., and Subdeacon Michael Peterson

**Fr. Alexander asks that you please notify him if we have missed anyone's name's day in our lists. Thank you!*

Our prayers and very best wishes for a blessed and happy marriage go to our own Maria Ferguson and Francis Acquaye, who were married by Fr. Alexander in St. George's Serbian Orthodox Church in San Diego on September 1, 2019. A joyous congratulations to our dear Fr. Deacon Athanasius and Anna Ferguson on the marriage of their daughter.

God grant them all Many Years!



Several of the Sts. Peter & Paul choir made the trip south to sing at the wedding of our former choir member (photo above). We rehearsed on the day of the wedding at the magnificent Serbian Orthodox Church of St. George, and Sergei Chldlowksy conducted the group of eight singers. The entire church was covered in mosaic iconography, and sparkled in the sunlight that streamed through stained-glass windows. Father Alexander explained to the wedding party the symbolism and spiritual aspects of the Orthodox wedding ceremony in preparation for the event. On that Sunday, the church was filled with members of the bride's and groom's family and friends, and Father Deacon Afanassy officiated along with Father Alexander. The celebrants comprised a multicultural gathering—the groom's family being from Ghana and the bride's family being American, receiving the sacrament of marriage in a Russian Orthodox ceremony in a Serbian church. The reception, held at the El Cortez room in a historic hotel in downtown San Diego, was extra special, including a rooftop cocktail party and dinner-and-dance reception that featured loving and thoughtful speeches by the family of the couple. The festivities continued the next day on San Diego's Coronado Island, where the bride's family hosted a casual brunch reception overlooking a popular beach. The bride and groom received a gracious send-off to their honeymoon in the South Pacific, and I'm told they're back at their jobs working hard again. We wish them many years of health, happiness, and God's blessings, and look forward to seeing them when they come to visit our church in future years.

—Joanna Chidlowksy

♪ Choir Notes ♪

On a warm, sunny Labor Day weekend, we were privileged to be part of the destination wedding of Maria Ferguson and Francis Acquaye in San Diego. Maria and Francis are both from California (he from SoCal and she from NorCal) but met in St. Louis while attending graduate school (Washington University) in aerospace engineering. After Francis graduated, they maintained their relationship long distance, and once Maria graduated, they both interviewed with Raytheon and now work at the same company as engineers in Tucson, Arizona. They enjoy travel, outdoor activities, concerts, visiting with their extended family, and many other shared activities as well as attending an active Orthodox parish in Tucson.

When We Put on Christ, We Become God's Messenger

Walking through life with a smile on our face and a song in our heart is the best way to keep our mind and heart in a good place. Life has many turns and trials, but when we keep centered on all the good that is in our life, the trials are short lived.

Smiles are contagious. Ever notice how a room brightens up when someone walks in who is always smiling, always happy, always extending a warm greeting to others? What better gift can we give another than a sincere smile?

I remember finding a young man sitting on a log, deep on the trail above Multnomah Falls on the Columbia River of Oregon, many years ago. I'd hiked up the switchback trail to the primordial forest. As a young man, I'd frequently run that trail, finding the peace and solitude I so craved.

About four miles from the top, I was somewhat surprised to find another person sitting alone on a log. Since there had been only one other car parked at the lodge, I did not expect to see anyone. As he was deep in thought, I apologized for startling him. Sensing something was wrong, I commented on the beauty of God's creation and asked if he'd like to share a sandwich and some coffee. He surprised me with his question, asking if I was an angel.

Sitting down on the log next to him, I opened my backpack and offered him half of my lunch. A few moments had passed when he turned to me, showed me a revolver, and told me he'd come to this remote spot with the intent of killing himself. When he saw me appear with a long white beard and hair, and dressed in my long black robe, he had first thought I might be an angel sent by God.

He'd been praying that God would forgive him for what he was about to do. I assured him that I was indeed flesh and blood, and certainly no angel. But I also told him that I was sent by God with a message. The message from God was that he was loved, and that God had a plan for his life, and this period of despair would soon pass.

He handed me his revolver. I emptied the gun of the bullets, and placed it in my backpack, and we had a long conversation about his life. Eventually we walked together back to our vehicles. With the promise that he would return the revolver to his father and let him know he'd intended

kill himself until the encounter with a monk, I handed him the gun, and we parted ways.

I've long wondered about the direction his life must have taken after that encounter in the forest so very many years ago. I've also wondered what would have happened if I'd continued on that trail without stopping to greet him, without offering a smile and a shared sandwich.

To this day I feel blessed that God allowed me to be His messenger on that lonely trail, and I try to be available each and every day as His messenger. When we make a concerted effort to be centered in Christ, each and every day, each and every hour, we make way for a heart and mind that is always in a good place, and we allow the love of Christ to be seen and experienced by others. When we put aside ourselves and put on Christ, we become God's messengers.

*With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon
All-Merciful Saviour Monastery
Vashon Island, Washington*

When we make a concerted effort to be centered in Christ, we allow the love of Christ to be seen and experienced by others.

Iconostasis Installed in Its New Home



As some of you who attend church regularly have already noted, our new iconostasis has been installed in place of the old one and continues to amaze and awe those of us who have been waiting for it to take its place in the church for so many years. Of course, it is not yet completely finished as it is lacking the many icons that will eventually become a part of it as well as the additional decorative work necessary to complete the full design. The work continues, and we are all concentrating on having everything completed and in place in time for the full Consecration of our church on July 11 of next year.

The initial phase of the installation began with the "demolition," which was completed fully and very quickly with the help of our brothers and some good friends of the parish. Father Alexander has repeatedly thanked all of those who helped out at all stages of the installation,

but wanted to particularly mention those who labored at his side for several hard and difficult days. He especially expressed his deepest gratitude to Father Athanasius Ferguson, John Poluektov, Alex (from Russia), Alexander Litvinenko, Alexei Khlopoff, Misha Mogilev Sr., Misha Mogilev Jr., Daniel Alva, Daniel Judd, John Reighard, and our indefatigable Starosta, Paul Johnson, with special thanks to friends of the parish Wedge Roquemore, Sergei Bogatsky, and Dima Shikaloff.

Happily, the “demolition” phase was not really a demolition. Our old iconostas (which had served in the church of St. Joasaph in Brooklyn prior to its arrival at Sts. Peter and Paul) was utilized by our church for many years and has been the backdrop for our Easter services, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. This iconostas has served us well and bears the spirit of our many prayers recited often and with faith over a generation. No longer needed, it was carefully and lovingly taken apart, packed, and transported by Father Alexander, Anya, and their son Alyosha to Southern California, where it has already been installed in the church Alyosha attends in Irvine.

Paul Johnson coordinated and arranged for the work that needed to be done prior to the installation, and all work was duly completed in time for our friends from Greece to arrive to finish the job. Two of the three artisans arrived on time and worked alongside our brothers carrying, lifting, securing, and adjusting the many pieces that constitute the iconostas. At times, the job was physically demanding and difficult, as some of the pieces were heavy and required climbing up the scaffolding, lifting enormous weights, and carefully installing each piece in its allotted space. By the Grace of God, the installation went well and was actually completed ahead of schedule. However, it became apparent that the complexity of the job did contribute to some problems, which Father Alexander and “the boys” are now trying to correct.

The iconostasis was designed by Robert Latsko jointly with Fr. Alexander, under contract with Christ Kamages of CJK Sacred Space Architects. Christos is a local architect who specializes in building Orthodox churches and interiors. Working from Fr. Alexander’s specifications, the iconostasis was constructed in

Greece on the island of Crete, shipped to the United States, and assembled by a team who struggled mightily to understand each other. None of us have any knowledge of Greek, and the artisans spoke only elementary words of English. Some of the problems were evident in discrepancies between the design and its execution, and the language barrier made problem-solving more difficult. The problems are now being corrected by the nimble brains of those who



participated in the work with a great deal of help from Zelco Cestic-Karusek, whose flawless cabinetry graces our candle counter kiosk and serves as a showcase for the religious gift items on sale there. With God’s help, we hope to have all the problems corrected soon, and in the meantime, the work to make necessary repairs to the church and hall is coming along as well.

The new iconostasis is an impressive and beautiful work of art, and it is humbling for those of us on the Parish Council to have been a small part of its creation. It is also a joy for those who participated in its funding to see the results of their hard and intense labors.

We are looking forward to our next Christmas Bazaar, which will take place on November 9 and 10. Then, this beautiful addition to our church will be seen by many people and its significance duly explained by Fr. Alexander in his docent tours.



This is to remind all of you who are looking forward to your “fix” of homemade and delicious Russian, Eritrean, and Palestinian food that our annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on the second weekend of November, Saturday and Sunday the 9th

and 10th, at our Sts. Peter and Paul church on Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa.

Despite a shortage of ladies among the ranks of our Sisterhood due to illness, moves, and sadly, the passing of many of our older members, our volunteers are working diligently for many long days to prepare the delicacies you will enjoy. As usual, we will have deep-fried and baked beef piroshki, pelmeni, cocktail piroshki, our signature borscht, vegetarian *pirogi* (pies with vegetable filling), beef Stroganoff, and cabbage rolls. We will also be serving our homemade Russian desserts. In addition, we will be featuring Palestinian shish kabob as well as the diverse Eritrean dishes contributed by our friends of the parish, the Eritrean ladies. New gift items imported from Russia will be for sale as well as jewelry, Christmas decorations, and diverse gifts. The Sisters of Holy Assumption Monastery will join us, as they have for many years, and will be selling religious items, jams, honey, and gifts. If you wish to preorder food, please call or send an email to our Head Sister, Nadia Stewart, at 925-372-7838 or nadiastew55@yahoo.com.

We look forward to welcoming you again and sharing our old-fashioned Russian hospitality and delicious food with you. In addition, those of you who have been our friends for many years will be invited to our docent tours conducted by Fr. Alexander to view at our new iconostasis, which has finally been constructed after many years of planning and fundraising efforts. You will not be disappointed!

As always, *Milosti Prosim! Welcome!* We look forward to seeing you.

—Lana Logvy



Starosta's Corner

We have our new iconostasis installed. This was a group effort that took approximately one week to complete, and much appreciation goes to those who helped, whether for a few hours or for the whole project. Firstly, our thanks go to Christos Gavrilakis and Markos Pastrikakis, who were part of the building team in Crete and came to Santa Rosa to oversee the installation (photo on previous page from left: Vasily from Holy Nativity Greek Orthodox Church, Novato, and Christ Kamages, our principal architect, Archimandrite Roman Krassovsky, Father Alexander, Christos Gavrilakis, and Markos Pastrikakis from Crete). They were such a great help. Our gratitude also goes to Dima Shikaloff, Serge Bogatsky, Alexey Khlopoff, Misha Mogilev, Victor and Joseph Handelih, Father Athanasius Ferguson, Wedge Roquemore, John Reighard, and of course, Father Alexander. The iconostasis was built to specifications; however, once

on site, there were quite a few modifications that had to be made to the church building to accommodate it. In the end, all issues were overcome and it eventually fit beautifully.

To make sure we had plenty of energy to complete the project, ladies of our Sisterhood provided all the workers with a great lunch each day. Many thanks to Capa Huhlov, Lana Logvy, Aliona Russie, Anya Krassovsky, Alla Zaharoff, Zoya Litvinenko, and of course, Nadia Stewart. For additional fuel, single-serve gourmet coffee provided by the Krassovskys was available all day.



Our cemetery project is moving along. The planner from the County, the third one assigned to us, actually made an on-site visit and had an opportunity to meet with Father Alexander and really get an understanding of what we have in mind. Also, the geologist for the County has agreed with our assessment that the waterproof vaults we proposed using will adequately address the groundwater contamination issues for the cemetery. This is really good news, so the only thing left is to update our landscaping plans, and we should have our meeting with the County shortly.

—Paul Johnson

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Sisterhood News

Thank you so very much to those of you who have been available to put on various lunches. We have a wonderful group of ladies that I really appreciate. We

had quite the turnout for the Transfiguration of Our Lord and the Blessing of the Fruit and also for the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos, the Nativity of the Holy Theotokos, and the Exaltation of the Life-Giving Cross. Again, thank you all who participated. Also, thanks to those ladies who prepared the lunches for our guests from Greece and the crew who was working on the installation of the new iconostasis. The next holiday will be the Protection of the Holy Theotokos on Monday, October 14 (see article at right).

We are starting to prepare for our Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, November 9, and Sunday, November 10. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me. We will need people to help set up for the Bazaar. This help is needed not just the days of the Bazaar but during the weeks before, to cook ahead for the Bazaar and to clean up after the event on Monday. Lots of preparation is involved.

Pre-orders for baked or fried piroshki, cabbage rolls, and pelmeni can be made at the church or by calling me, Nadia Stewart, at 925-372-7838.

We need donated items to sell at the Bazaar. Any donation is greatly appreciated, but please—no items that are worn out or broken. Also, no stuffed animals or chipped crystal. No clothes are needed, but we do welcome donations of purses, scarves, and hats. Please bring items to the church hall by the first week of November so that we will have time to sort and price items. For questions, please contact Olga Sokoloff at 707-202-4201 or Anya Krassovsky at 707-585-8330.

If you would like to help out with future Sunday or holiday lunches or be added to the Sisterhood mailing list, please contact me, our lunch scheduler at Nadiastew55@yahoo.com or 925-372-7838.

Please do not forget our ailing members and shut-ins, who could always use our prayers, visits, and phone calls. For more information on ways to help, please contact our Outreach Liaison, Anna Judd, at 707-823-2372 or annajudd@comcast.net.

Our next Sisterhood meeting is to be determined at a later date. Our next pelmeniy-making date is also to be scheduled. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of and dedication to the Sisterhood. God bless!

—Nadia Stewart, Head Sister
of the St. Olga Sisterhood
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Feast of the Holy Protection

“Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in thee do we hope, and venerating the Feast of thy Protection, we magnify thee.”

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century. On Sunday, October 1, (old style) during the All-Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ St. Andrew, at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes toward the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints.

St John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees, the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the bishop’s throne, she continued her prayer. After completing her prayer, she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed “more than the rays of the sun.”



St Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision, and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, “Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?” Epiphanius answered, “I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe.” The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, “O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard.”

Sts. Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and “for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure, it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation.”

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world,

depicting St. Andrew in contemplation of her. The Primary Chronicle of St. Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because of an impending attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet, which threatened Constantinople itself, some time in the 860s.



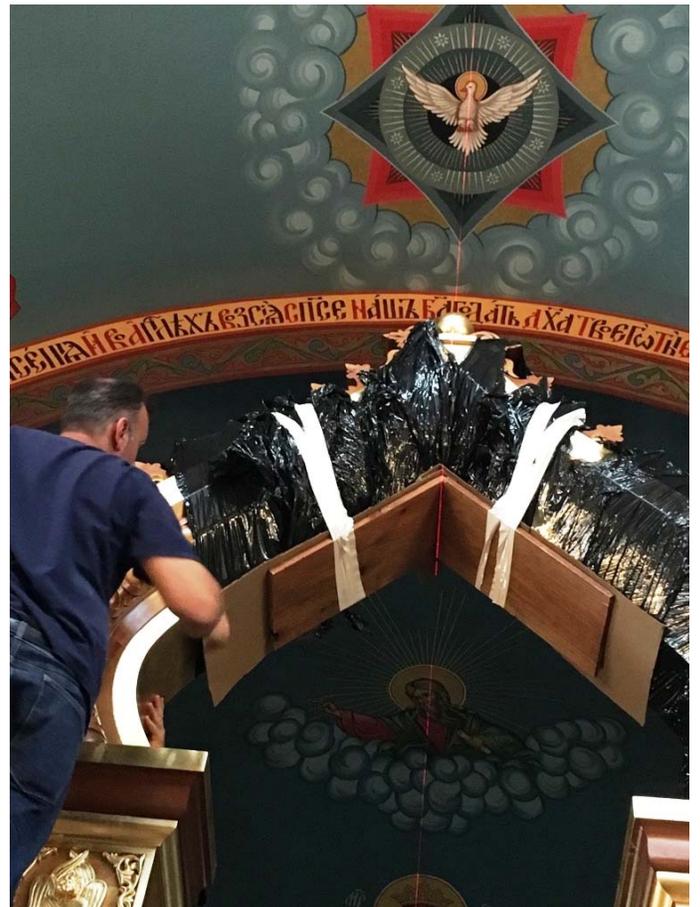
Ironically, this feast is considered important by the Slavic Churches but not by the Greeks. In the Prologue (a Russian chronicle of the twelfth century), a description of the establishment of the special feast marking this event states, “For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!” Therefore, in the festal celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, the Russian Church sings, “With the choirs of the Angels, O Sovereign Lady, with the venerable and glorious prophets, with the First-Ranked Apostles and with the Hieromartyrs and Hierarchs, pray for us sinners, glorifying the Feast of your Protection in the Russian Land.”

Churches in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God (Pokrov) began to appear in Russia in the twelfth century. Widely known for its architectural merit is the church of the Protection at the Nerl River (photo above), which was built in the year 1165 by holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky. The efforts of this holy prince also established in the Russian Church the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, about the year 1164. At Novgorod in the twelfth century, there was a monastery (Zverin) of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos. In Moscow also under Tsar Ivan Grozniy, the cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God was built at the church of the Holy Trinity (the church of St. Basil the Blessed). On the Feast of Pokrov, we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven.



ROCOR Synod Confirms the Candidacy of Archimandrite James (Corazza) for Bishop of Sonora

The ROCOR Synod has confirmed the candidacy of Archimandrite James (Corazza) for Bishop of Sonora and as Second Vicar of the Western American Diocese. During a meeting of the Holy Synod on August 30, 2019, at Danilov Monastery in Moscow, Father James’s candidacy was confirmed. In accordance with the Act of Canonical Communion of May 17, 2007, hierarchs of ROCOR are selected by their Council of Bishops. Such elections are confirmed canonically by the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church. Father James’s consecration as bishop will take place during the feast day Liturgy of the San Francisco Cathedral, November 6. After his elevation, he will continue to serve at the Old Cathedral of the Holy Virgin on Fulton St. in San Francisco. Congratulations Father James!



Orthodox Community Events

- **Weekly Molieben to Saint John of San Francisco, Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.** Submit names in person or online. Go to sfsobor.com and click on “St. John” then “Prayer Requests.” Submit names online by Friday, 3:00 p.m. **Holy Virgin Cathedral, 6210 Geary Blvd., San Francisco.**
- **40 Days for Life prayer vigil.** The Fall campaign runs from **Sept. 25–Nov. 3.** Go to 40daysforlife.com or join in the vigil at 1650 Valencia St., San Francisco, Sat., October 26, 10:00 a.m.–noon.
- **The Nomadic Shelter program (“Angels Unawares”): first Thursday of the month.** Guests from the Redwood Gospel Mission will arrive about 6:00 p.m. and depart about 6:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Any questions, call Michael or Rachel Dovey at 707-799-4117. **St. Seraphim Orthodox Church, 90 Mountain View Ave., Santa Rosa.**
- **Redwood Empire Food Bank distribution, second Wednesdays, at 5:00–6:00 p.m. St. Seraphim Orthodox Church parking lot, 90 Mountain View Ave., Santa Rosa, 707-584-9491.**
- **Monthly Byblos Book Club** forming: meetings on third Thursdays in Marin County. Engaging in conversations about truth, meaning, purpose, and life. Contact Anthony Scott at orthodoxconsultant@gmail.com to sign up.
- **Kitka Women’s Vocal Ensemble** and Hasmik Harutyunyan, “Gorani: Love Songs to Lost Homelands,” featuring Armenian folk melodies. **October 17, 6:30–8:30 p.m.,** Schroeder Hall, Green Music Center, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park. <http://www.kitka.org/events>, tickets@sonoma.edu, or <http://gmc.sonoma.edu>.
- **Taste of Russia Festival, Holy Virgin Cathedral, 6210 Geary Blvd., San Francisco. Sun., October 20, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.** Featuring Russian food, gifts,



entertainment, church tours. Entry fee: \$5. For more info., call 415-221-3255. Holy Virgin Cathedral, 6210 Geary Blvd., San Francisco. www.sfsobor.com.

- **The Fall Pastoral Retreat of the clergy of the Western American Diocese** will be held at St. Paisius Monastery in Safford, Arizona, **October 21–23.** The retreat will conclude on the feast day of the Holy Fathers of Optina with the solemn rite of Consecration of the Temple of the monastery. His Eminence, Archbishop Kyrill, will be presiding.
- **Holy Assumption Women’s Monastery, Calistoga, Open House, Tues., October 22,** to celebrate their 10th anniversary. Food and fellowship, 5:00–8:00 p.m., 1519 Washington St., Calistoga.
- **Vespers and Potluck with Bible study, 6:00 p.m., October 23 and 30,** St. Seraphim Orthodox Church, 90 Mountain View Ave., Santa Rosa.
- **The Saint Seraphim Church School** warmly invites you to the **Fourth Annual Honoring the Saints Party, Sunday, October 27.** We will sing the Akathist to All Saints of North America at 4:30 p.m. in the Protection Church and then gather in the parish hall at 5:00 p.m. for dinner and crafts. All ages are welcome, and asked to come dressed as a saint. **St. Seraphim Orthodox Church, 90 Mountain View Ave., Santa Rosa.**
- **Holy Virgin Cathedral Feast Day. Vigil: Tuesday, November 5, 6:00 p.m.; Liturgy and Procession: Wednesday, November 6, 9:30 a.m.** Feast day of the Diocesan Cathedral in honor of the Icon of the Mother of God “Joy of All Who Sorrow.” **Holy Virgin Cathedral, 6210 Geary Blvd., San Francisco.**



- **Autumn Ball, November 23, 7:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.** Entertainment, buffet dinner, wine and Champagne, and dancing. Formal attire. \$110; \$90 for seniors. Proceeds will benefit *Russian Life* newspaper. **San Francisco Russian Center**, 2450 Sutter St. russiancentersf.com. 415-921-7631.
- **St. Nicholas Crafts Fair, December 7**, Holy Dormition Orthodox Church, 1521 Rose Ave., Santa Rosa.

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- **Sts. Cyril and Methodius Gymnasia's 70th Anniversary Ball, November 3**, Green Room, SF War Memorial, 401 Van Ness Ave. Doors open at 4:30. No host bar, silent auction, buffet, entertainment, dancing, and raffles. \$150 per person. Please RSVP by October 18 (tickets \$175 after that date). Contact Lana Chmeleva at 415-290-0906, russianschoolpta@gmail.com.
- **Slavyanka Russian Chorus 40th Anniversary Concert: Friday, November 8, 2019, 8:00 p.m.** Mission Dolores Basilica, San Francisco; **November 10, 4:00 p.m.**, First Congregational Church, Berkeley. www.slavyankachorus.org.
- **November 10, 27th Annual IOCC Dinner Remembering Home.** In support of the global humanitarian work of International Orthodox Christian Charities in Syria, Lebanon, Greece, and around the world. Hosted by Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church, 1110 Highland Ave., Novato. Vespers, 4:30 p.m.; reception, 5:30 p.m.; banquet, 6:30 p.m. Entertainment and dance music by the Nikolai Ensemble.
- **Fifth Annual Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**, showcasing dozens of local artisans of crafts, jewelry, and sculpture; also, gourmet gyros and Greek pastries. **Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church**, 1110 Highland Ave., Novato. Contact office@nativityofchrist.org or 415-883-1998.
- **Burlingame Choir Concert: Sunday, November 17**, after Divine Liturgy. The program will begin with a tribute to Mikhail Konstantinov and present works by modern Russian composers, including Nun Julia Denisova, Kurt Sander, and Arvo Part. Church of All Russian Saints, 744 El Camino Real, Burlingame, CA 94010. http://www.allrussiansaintsburlingame.org.



The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Admin Building.



Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
Santa Rosa

25th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & FOOD FEST

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

*Christmas Items, Russian Imports & Gifts, Handicrafts,
Jewelry, and much more!*

*** HOMEMADE RUSSIAN LUNCH ***

*Piroshki * Beef Stroganoff * Cabbage Rolls
Borscht * Shashlik/Shish-Kabobs * and more*

***** FROZEN RUSSIAN FOOD TO GO *****

*Russian Mustard & Homemade Bread
Russian Desserts * Baked Goods * Chocolate Truffles*

*** AUTHENTIC ERITREAN DISHES ***

*** FLAVORED RUSSIAN VODKA TASTING ***

*Sales of handicrafts & religious items by the nuns
from Holy Assumption Monastery, Calistoga*

*Docent Church Tours: See our newly
installed Iconostasis from Greece!*

*For additional information, call:
Nadia Stewart, 925-372-7838*

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