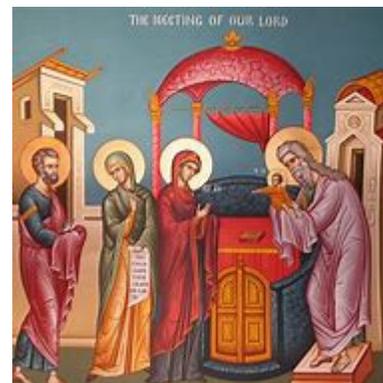


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Priest's Corner

This year will be one of great significance not only to our parish, but to all of our beloved Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, which celebrates the centennial of its founding.

It is of historical interest and importance to note that ROCOR should never have come into existence in the first place, but did—by the Grace of God—for the spiritual nourishment of countless thousands forced to flee our Russian homeland as a result of the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. The frightening purges and attacks against the Church and Her God-fearing members claimed millions of innocent lives during the decades that followed. There are some who feel that there is no reason to “celebrate” a split within the Church or the events that caused it. The reality is that the hierarchs of blessed memory, along with the faithful of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, always considered ROCOR to be a living part of the Mother Church in Russia, separated only by historical circumstances, but not spiritually.

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Our First Hierarch, Hilarion, Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York, clearly explains the understanding of this unprecedented relationship and the meaning of this year's centennial commemoration in this excerpt from his 2019/2020 Nativity Epistle:

“May this New Year become a time of God's goodwill and His almighty aid; may He renew and strengthen our abilities to offer up thanksgiving to Him as is meet, and to commemorate our forebears in this jubilee year of the centennial of the Russian Church Abroad!

“How was the Russian Church Abroad formed? In November 1920, though defeated, many Russian Orthodox people did not surrender, and left their beloved nation's borders; hundreds of thousands of officers and soldiers, Cossacks and peasants, landowners and workers went into exile. Departing with them were the clergy who nourished them. The

archpastors and clergymen did not depart in disarray: still in the homeland, with the blessing of the Holy Hierarch Tikhon, Patriarch and Confessor of All Russia, they formed the Provisional Supreme Ecclesiastical Authority of South-Eastern Russia.

“Finding themselves abroad, what could these representatives of the Russian Church do? Guided by love for the persecuted Mother Church and Canon 39 of the Sixth Ecumenical Council, which addresses a similar situation, when part of the population of Cyprus had to leave their country, having ‘been freed from heathen slavery,’ the Russian hierarchs formed the

Supreme Ecclesiastical Administration Abroad. Moreover, after this, the Holy Hierarch Tikhon and the Holy Synod over which he presided sent the departed émigré masses the famous Directive № 362, dated November 7/20, 1920, which proved to be God-inspired. The hierarchs abroad took the first steps of their unique service in Constantinople, having received a blessing from the Locum Tenens of the Ecumenical Throne, Metropolitan Dorotheos (Mammelis), who at the time

respectfully wrote to Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) of Kiev and Galicia: ‘the Patriarchate permits any undertaking under your direction, for the Patriarchate knows that Your Eminence will commit no uncanonical act.’ Later, this Supreme Ecclesiastical Administration Abroad, reformed into the Russian Church Abroad, was transferred to Serbia, where it found itself under the truly fraternal aegis of the Serbian Orthodox Church, with whom we now share fathers and preceptors.

“In 1924, when Patriarch Gregory VII of Constantinople declared his support for the Living Church schism and demanded that the Holy Hierarch and Confessor Tikhon ‘immediately depart from administration of the Church,’ many understood the fervent desire of the hierarchs of the Russian Church living abroad not to merge into the existing Local Churches, but to strive in every way to preserve their

living and organic ties to the persecuted Church in Russia. Since that time, the Russian Church Abroad has followed the life of the Church in the homeland with a keen, loving, and devoted eye, rejoicing in her successes, sorrowing in her tribulations, and loudly bearing witness to her sufferings, piously reverencing the ascetic and martyric struggles of those who fearlessly went to their deaths in the name of Christ.



“Marking this glorious anniversary, which will continue with the celebration of the First All-Diaspora Council next year, we intend to celebrate neither the terrible events, as a result of which many Russian Orthodox people found themselves on foreign soil, nor the bitter division of the Mother Church, which had been subjected to persecutions.

“The primary goal of our celebration is to lift up thanksgiving to God, Who bountifully poured out upon us His abundant mercies, and to prayerfully honor our forebears, who in complex conditions abroad held aloft the standard of our Holy Russian Orthodoxy, and relayed to us a great inheritance. May the lamps on their graves never be extinguished! Moreover, every anniversary must cause each of us to once more take interest in our history, and consider the individual people whom we commemorate. Only this approach to the jubilee celebration, combined with prayer and a humble hope in God’s aid, will grant us a renewal of our hearts, of all of our strengths, and of all of the paths of our modest service to God and man.”

We have indeed received a great inheritance from those who brought Holy Orthodoxy to us here in America and around the world. Our church here in Santa Rosa is a part of that great inheritance entrusted to us. Let us contribute to the celebration of this great gift of our faith and honor our archpastors and pastors, grandparents and parents, who have been our spiritual benefactors, by preparing ourselves and our spiritual home for the Full Consecration of our church, to continue the good work they began and entrusted to us, and to pass this great inheritance on to our children and our children’s children for generations yet to come!

God bless! Fr. Alexander

Congratulations to all our Name’s day celebrants*:

- February 1 – Evfrosia (Susan) Bodulow
- February 6 – Xenia (Suzy) Miram and Xenia Poluektov

- February 7 – Gregory Stez
- February 9 – Ivan Stez
- February 10 – Ephraim White
- February 16 – Anna Krassovsky and Anna Litvinenko
- February 23 – Valentina Bertram and Valentina Ramensky
- February 25 – Alexei Krassovsky and Alexei Spring
- February 27 – Archbishop Kyrill
- March 13 – Kira Chistiakoff and Kira Poluektov
- March 17 – Daniel Judd
- March 23 – Galina Chernyavsky and Kalissa Chistiakoff
- March 30 – Reader Alexei Khlopoff

God grant them Many Years!

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

In Memoriam

With a degree of sadness but, as always, with faith in our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, we note the passing of † **Matushka Tamara Wawiliuk**, one of our dear and long-term parishioners—the wife of our late Protodeacon Anatoly Wawiliuk—who passed away surrounded by her children: Seraphim, Alexei, and Natalia, on January 16, 2020; and † **George (Yura) Sokoloff**, again, one of our most active parishioners for over thirty years, who reposed peacefully on December 30, 2019, after a very long illness, which he continually overcame for years. Since his arrival in Santa Rosa, Yura served as a member of the Parish Council, Parish Treasurer, and later, Financial Manager of the Sts. Peter & Paul Fund LLC, our cemetery corporation. His fervent service to our Church and parish were unbounded. Yura sang in the church choir, assisted in the altar and behind the candle counter, and was involved in any number of parish and Sisterhood fundraisers and social events. Yura’s service to the Church went far beyond the limits of our parish, being directly involved in the activities of our Western American Diocese as a delegate from our parish and a lay member of the Diocesan Council. Most notably, Yura, who deeply revered and loved St. John the Wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco, was a member of the Organizing Committee of the Glorification of St. John and produced the first video of the glorification services, remaining dedicated to the saint unto his final breath.

May God grant rest to the souls of the newly departed servants **George** and **Tamara**, and I ask that you remember them in your prayers both in church and at home. Our condolences to Olya, Seraphim, Alyosha, and Natasha, with their respective families.

Memory eternal!

“I was sick, and ye visited me...”

—Matt 25:36

Please remember our parishioners who are in home care facilities or home bound, especially during the upcoming lenten season. A friendly visit or, when possible, even a phone call, will be most welcome. If you plan to visit one of them, please be sure to call ahead to arrange a most convenient time for them and to get their addresses:

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Clarification

From the October–November 2019 issue of the newsletter, information on the architects designing our new iconostasis requires some clarification. The original concept and architectural design of the project was headed up by Christ Kamages of CJK Sacred Space, with the assistance of Rob Cardin and John Mellas at CJK. Robert Latsko was contracted by CJK to complete the computer renderings and final accoutrements of the iconostasis. Our sincere thanks go to all of these fine architects who contributed to the creation of our beautiful new iconostasis, and we apologize for any oversight.



In Our Journey to God, We Must Be Open to the Movement of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

The spiritual struggle that is required of us cannot depend solely on having a spiritual father. Most Orthodox Christians do not have one, and the average parish priest is not equipped with the time to take on the role of spiritual father to every member of his flock in the classic meaning of that title. Just carrying the load as rector, preacher, counselor, confessor, teacher, CEO, and priest can be an overwhelming burden to the average cleric. Add to the above duties the obligation a priest has to his wife and family, and you have the potential for burnout. Is it any wonder that so many priests get that glazed look on their faces when someone approaches with spiritual questions that would require more time than the average priest is able to give?

The fact that the Church has guidelines governing the many periods of fasting must often suffice for the

parishioner since the priest may not have the time to be the guide in such matters. The need for discerning one’s spiritual struggle, often without a prayer rule, can compound the struggle for the person who wishes to deepen his or her spiritual life.

We can’t just order up that which God has for us, but we must make sure we are open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Making life center around the Church a high priority in our week can serve as a good start. Orthodoxy is by nature a faith that demands full participation and deep commitment; otherwise, it becomes just another religion, devoid of salvific, transformational value.

If Orthodoxy is to be something other than mere magic, with the priest as some sort of wizard who performs the right formulas, thus allowing us to feel we’ve done all that is needed, our Orthodoxy will have failed us. Do we read the daily prescribed scripture readings? Do the lives of the saints impact our lives because we read about them? Are we preparing ourselves for the Saturday night confession by taking note of our sins during the week and being ready to be accountable before God, with the priest as our witness? Are we holding up the Orthodox standard in our public life, or do we allow ourselves to be lost in the crowd, dismissing our obligations to God during the week?

The spiritual life is an adventure, full of pitfalls *and* great heights. If we take this journey as the prime reason for living, the reward will be great. If we try living our life with the Church placed in a secondary role, we will end our lives as losers, having lost the battle and the reward. Yes, it is best that we have a spiritual father, and we should pray that God send us such a guide, but the road to paradise must begin with a commitment to make this journey our main priority. We are on a journey, and it begins with that first step. Christ stands with us, ready to lift us up when we fall, and even to pull us along when we stumble or grow fainthearted.



This year, the General Unction Service will be presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Kyrill at Sts. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church, Santa Rosa, on Monday, March 30, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please make sure you are up to date and have had a recent confession, or arrive early to do so. All are welcome. (Note: Children under age 7 do not partake of this sacrament, and adults may partake of it only once during Great Lent.)



Some years ago, I discovered the following list of fasting suggestions. I have no idea who originally came up with this wonderful list, but I thought it was wonderful the day I discovered it, and I still do. This is a good reminder that there is much more to fasting than simply abstaining from food:

- **FAST from self-concern and FEAST on compassion for others.**
- **FAST from discouragement and FEAST on hope.**
- **FAST from lethargy and FEAST on enthusiasm.**
- **FAST from suspicion and FEAST on truth.**
- **FAST from thoughts that weaken and FEAST on promises that inspire.**
- **FAST from shadows of sorrow and FEAST on the sunlight of serenity.**
- **FAST from idle gossip and FEAST on purposeful silence.**
- **FAST from problems that overwhelm you and FEAST on prayer that sustains.**
- **FAST from criticism and FEAST on praise.**
- **FAST from self-pity and FEAST on joy.**
- **FAST from ill-temper and FEAST on peace.**
- **FAST from resentment and FEAST on contentment.**
- **FAST from jealousy and FEAST on love.**
- **FAST from pride and FEAST on humility.**
- **FAST from selfishness and FEAST on service.**

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

A Tribute to Yura Sokoloff

On December 30, 2019, our church lost a devoted member, a tireless worker, and a good friend: George Sokoloff. George, or as he preferred to be addressed by his affectionate diminutive, Yura, lost his battle of seventeen years' duration with cancer. Yura was full of life and devoted to his Orthodox faith, his church, and his family. He battled his disease while he worked and helped out at the Sts. Peter and Paul parish as a Council member, a member of the LLC, while on duty at the candle counter, as a greeter of new arrivals at the church, and as a factotum who would lend an extra pair of capable hands to whatever project required help. Many times, especially during the critical cooking periods for the Bazaar, "Sister" Yura would be in the kitchen helping prep, fry piroshki, and clean up after a long and tiring session.

Yura was born in Shanghai, China, in 1938, and from his early days, church attendance and worship

were a big part of his life. He served as an altar boy in Shanghai and later as a reader. He loved Vladika Ioann of Shanghai, who was later glorified as a saint, and it was Yura's joy to serve on the Committee for his glorification, as he was always devoted to Vladika.

A friend of his recalls that Yura was a boisterous, friendly, and highly energetic typical teenager who vigorously engaged in the teenage pastimes of his age (the 1950s). He played soccer and strolled Geary Boulevard in the company of his friends, stopping at various "hot spots." He also borrowed his dad's Oldsmobile sedan, toiled around town with his buddies, and did a bit of drag racing on the Great Highway. He was popular among the guys and ladies alike. He also served in the National Guard and underwent six months of active duty training with an emphasis on communications.



He attended City College of San Francisco and majored in hotel management. During his studies, he attended cooking classes and, according to his wife Olga, loved to cook. Later in life, our Sisterhood provided him the outlet to indulge his great love of helping in the kitchen. Yura moved around the western United States, living for a time in Arizona, where he worked as a maître d' and then changing career paths to work as a marketing manager for Motorola. Yura's outgoing personality and engaging manner made him, in Olya's estimation, the "best salesman in the world." According to her, he could sell ice to the Eskimos!

To Yura, the church and his faith came first. He participated in all our church activities without fail and was always ready to lend a hand and help out with whatever job needed to get done. He attended services regularly and knew the liturgical chants very well, as he also sang in the choir. He also loved children—his own as well as the children who attended church—and was always ready to answer questions and introduce people to the Russian Orthodox faith. We would see him engaging people at our Bazaars and explaining

things to them, but he was also fond of laughing and joking with all our guests.

He fought his disease with great vigor and an unshakable faith in God. When asked how he was doing, he would invariably say he was fine or well, or that things were good. He would often say he wasn't ready to go yet, as he hadn't finished his work on earth. His great faith sustained him, as did a very dedicated team of doctors who cared for him, along with Olya. Olya is a nurse by profession, and a very smart and dedicated lady who took excellent care of him 24/7, especially in the last few months of his life. She cared for him for many years, with the usual battles between what was necessary and good for him and what he insisted on doing. In addition to his great personality, he was also very, very stubborn and determined that his way prevail!

Yura is survived by Olya, whom he married in 1991; two of his three children by a previous marriage (sadly, he lost his son Michael just a few years before his own repose); as well as Olya's children and grandchildren by her first marriage (which ended in the death of her young husband).

Yura's forty-day Pominki will be held on Sunday, February 9 following a Panikhida. Meanwhile, please pray for the newly reposed servant of God George, that God grant him remission of his sins and eternal rest and peace in His Kingdom. Memory eternal, dear Yura!

—Lana Logvy



Sisterhood News

Thank you to all who participated in the special lunches for the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple on December 4, the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Christmas) on January 7, and Theophany, on January 19. All the lunches were delicious and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Karen and Marina and their helpers for the Armenian barbecue that they hosted on Sunday, January 26, and repeated on Sunday, February 2. Also, thanks to all who helped with decorating the church and hall for all these occasions—especially Christmas. The flowers were beautifully arranged around the icons, and the church was adorned with beautiful poinsettias and trees. The Christmas baskets were delivered to the elderly and shut-ins and were well received. Thank you from Anna Judd and myself to all who donated items, helped put these beautiful baskets together, and especially, to those who delivered them.

Our next holidays and events will be the Meeting of Our Lord and Savior on Friday, February 15, Blini Luncheon on Sunday, February 23, Forgiveness Sunday, March 1, and the Veneration of the Holy

Cross on March 22. We will need volunteers to help put together *verbiy* (bouquets) for Palm Sunday, and if you have any flowers to donate, they will be accepted graciously.



We will also be taking preorders for *pascha* and *kulich* and will have *tvorog* (farmer's cheese) and vanilla sticks available for purchase. Please contact me for preorders and purchases at Nadiastew55@yahoo.com or 925-372-7838, or look for the sign-up sheets at the church candle counter or on the bar in the hall. Also, if you would like to help out with future Sunday or holiday lunches, please let me know.

Please do not forget our ailing members and shut-ins. They could always use our prayers and maybe even a cheerful visit or phone call (see contact info on page 2). We will also need people to donate their time and talents to assemble baskets for these folks closer to Easter. For more information, please contact our Outreach Liaison, Anna Judd, at 707-823-2372 or annajudd@comcast.net.

If you would like to participate in making *pelmeniy*, the next date will be Thursday, February 6, at 9:00 a.m.



Our Annual Sisterhood Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1, after lunch. Hope to see you there. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of and dedication to the Sisterhood.

—Nadia Stewart, Head Sister
of the St. Olga Sisterhood
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Invitation to Blini

We would like to remind you that, this year, the well-loved folk tradition of *Maslenitsa* will be celebrated at our church with our annual Blini Luncheon, Sunday, February 23, following Liturgy. To many of you who are familiar with this tradition, Maslenitsa corresponds to Mardi Gras celebrations in other countries, established as a last big party prior to the beginning of

the Great and Holy Lent, the seven-week period observed very strictly in the Orthodox faith leading up to the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord on Pascha.

In Old Russia, Maslenitsa lasted a whole week and was replete with parties, balls, special ballet performances, fairs, and much merriment and excitement. The week is also one in which we have already given up meat to begin the observance of Lent, but compensate with rich, yeast-based pancakes served with large amounts of butter, sour cream, and every variety of salted fish imaginable—including but not limited to smoked salmon, whitefish, and herring as well as varieties of caviar, accompanied by generous amounts of ice cold vodka.

Our Sisterhood will be serving blini with butter and sour cream with sides of fish and caviar, and we will serve pancake syrup and jam for those who are not fans of fish. Please join us on February 23 and experience the traditions of Old Russia in our church hall!

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Celebrating the Birth of Christ

This year, at the beginning of a new decade in our still young century, we celebrated the first *Rozhdestvo Khristovo* (Nativity of our Lord) in the presence of our majestic new iconostas. The church was beautifully decorated with pine boughs, Christmas trees, and myriad flowers, which accentuated the warm red tones and the glitter of gold of the intricately designed and expertly carved iconostasis.

As usual, Misha Mogilev and his son Misha Jr. procured unused Christmas trees from purveyors after



the celebration of Western Christmas, and the Sisterhood decorated the icons with fresh flowers and fronds in white, red, and green hues. The poinsettia plants were, as always, provided by our “Gatti Angels,” Dave and Steve, who go out of their way to provide us with choice, fresh, and beautiful blooms and who unfailingly add many more pots of flowers than we order, as a gift to our church. Dave and Steve play a big part in dressing up our beloved church in all her holiday finery. Thank you so much! May God bless you and yours for your kindness and generosity.



On the subject of angels, although none of us has as yet heard the sound of heavenly angelic voices, our lovely choir gave us a preview of what we may expect to hear after we leave this earth. Augmented by several voices from cities from distant places in the United States, the choir was magnificent in its rendition of the chants on the Eve of the Nativity, and just as beautiful on the day of the Feast. As members of the Russian Orthodox Church, we are exceptionally blessed to hear the music of many “Old Masters” of the Russian musical tradition. The a cappella voices, all volunteers, add to the prayerful environment of our church, which gives joy to our senses by the beauty of the gentle flickering of many lighted candles, by the comfort of the words pronounced in sonorous voices by our clergy, by the scent of the incense, the candles, and the flowers, and by the glorious music. On behalf of all those who deeply love to attend all the services, thank you to all who labor so hard to create this peaceful and beautiful environment!

The Sisterhood worked hard (with fewer volunteers than in years past!) to put on a lavish festal table consisting of different Russian specialties, various types of meats and salads, and, as always, many delicious and rich desserts. It is a matter of pride for the ladies of our church community to serve a bountiful and expertly prepared table for the breaking of the Nativity fast!

Once again, by the Grace of God, we were given the opportunity to observe one of the great Holy Days of our church calendar in our tightly knit church family.

—Lana Logvy



Orthodox Community Events

- **Weekly Moleben 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.
- **Vespers, potluck, and study of St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans**, Wednesday, **February 5**, **St. Seraphim Orthodox Church**, 90 Mountain View Ave., Santa Rosa.
- **The Nomadic Shelter program (“Angels Unawares”)**: first Thursday of the month, **February 6**. 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. For 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, February 12, March 11**, at 5:00–6:00 p.m. **St. Seraphim Orthodox Church** parking lot, 90 Mountain View Ave., Santa Rosa, 707-584-9491.
- **Ongoing Catechism classes**: “On the Church,” Sat., **Feb. 8**, 4:00 p.m.; “On Holy Baptism,” Sat., **Feb. 22**,



3:30 p.m.; “On Holy Chrismation,” Sat. Feb. 29, 3:30 p.m. **St. Seraphim Orthodox Church**, 90 Mountain View Ave., Santa Rosa, 707-584-9491.

- **Monthly Byblos Orthodox Book Club**, Meets third Tuesdays in Marin County. Engaging in conversations about truth, meaning, purpose, and life. Contact Anthony Scott at orthodoxconsultant@gmail.com to sign up.
- **Santa Rosa Symphony** features **Rachmaninoff piano concerto** with Natasha Peremski, **Feb. 8**, 2:00 and 7:30, **Feb. 9**, 3:00, & **Feb. 10**, 7:30, Green Music Center, Sonoma State University campus, 1801 E. Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park, www.srsymphony.org.
- **Annual Russian Festival, Russian Center San Francisco, February 21–23**. Russian dancers and singers; authentic, delicious savory foods, as well as tasty desserts and flavorful hot Russian teas; imported and locally crafted Russian jewelry, folk art, and souvenirs; art gallery featuring the work of Russian artists; and vodka tasting bar. Friday, 5:00–9:30 p.m.; Dance Party 9:45 p.m.–12:30 a.m.; Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–7:15 p.m. **Slavyanka Russian Chorus will be performing on Sunday**. Adults: \$12; seniors and students: \$8; children 12 and under: free. For more information, visit www.russiancentersf.com or call 415-921-7631. 2450 Sutter St., San Francisco.
- **Spring Square Dance**, Friday, **February 28**, 7:00–10:00 p.m. in the church hall for a night of fun and fellowship. Come at the start to become familiar with the basics. Free admission. **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**, 102 Ross Ave., San Anselmo. <https://stnicholasmarin.org/>
- **Annual Crab Feed, February 29**, 5:30–11:30 p.m. **Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**, 999 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco. www.holytrinitysf.org
- **March 1, Annual Blini Luncheon**, sponsored by the Sisterhood of the **Church of All Russian Saints**, 744 El Camino Real, **Burlingame**.
- **Fort Ross First Saturdays: March 7, April 4**, etc. While every day at Fort Ross is special, on the first Saturday of each month they offer extra interpretation and more reasons to come visit: a Russian windmill demonstration, Call House Museum tours, and the Fort Ross Talk and Tea with samovar. 19005 Coast Highway 1, Jenner, CA 95450, 707-847-3437.
- **Father Alexander will give Spiritual Talks** on Sunday, **March 8, 22**, and **29**, and **April 5** and **12**, on a variety of subjects of interest to the faithful, Sts. Peter and Paul Church hall, following lunch at around 12:30 p.m.



- **Pastoral Retreat of the clergy of the Western Diocese, March 17–18**, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Old Holy Virgin Cathedral, 864 Fulton St, San Francisco.
- **Annual Lenten Choir Concert**, Andrei Roudenko, Director. Sunday, **March 22**, after Divine Liturgy, **Church of All Russian Saints**, 744 El Camino Real, **Burlingame**.
- **Women’s Retreat, Sat., April 4**, “Restoring the Image: Women, Beauty, and the Church” with Matushka Krista West, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Suggested donation: \$15; lunch included. **St. Seraphim Orthodox Church**, 90 Mountain View Ave., Santa Rosa, 707-584-9491.
- **Annual Lenten Retreat, Holy Virgin Cathedral, Sun., April 5**, 7:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy; 9:45 registration, breakfast; lectures start at 10:30. Lenten lunch will be served. Keynote speakers: Deacon Edward Anderson, Holy Virgin Cathedral, “Art and Culture: Planting Seeds, Shining Light”; and Abbess Emiliane, Monastery of St. Nina, Maryland, “Fire and Light: The Way of Peace.” For more information, visit <https://www.wadiocese.com/lentenretreatsf> or contact Rev. Peter Perekrestov at ruspast@sbcglobal.net. 6210 Geary Blvd., San Francisco.



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Don't forget: All our services are live streamed! Just go to our website, www.stsproca.org, and click on "Service Live Stream" under the Parish Life tab.



Come to Our Annual Blini Lunch

Sponsored by the Sisterhood of Sts. Peter & Paul Church
 850 St. Olga Ct., off Stony Pt. Rd north of Todd Rd., Santa Rosa, CA
 (½ mile north of Todd Rd)

Sunday, February 23, 2020
 11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.



Blini with All the Fixings!

Delicious yeast based pancakes, a traditional pre-Lenten dish served with melted butter and sour cream with optional side dishes of smoked salmon, herring and caviar.

For pre-orders of Paskha or Kulich, please contact Nadia Stewart at (925) 372-7838

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WELCOME!

Thanks to all who contributed photos to this month's newsletter: Nadia Stewart, Paul Johnson, Lana Logvy, Vera Peterson, Anna Judd, and Anna Ferguson. See more photos at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stsproca/>

Meeting Notices:

- ***Annual Sisterhood Meeting, Sunday, March 1, after lunch in the hall***
- ***Parish Council meetings: Tuesday, February 11 and March 10, 6:00 p.m., in the Admin Building***
- ***Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, March 15, 12:00 p.m. in the hall***