

# Sts. Peter & Paul Church Council News

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*Grotto of the Nativity, Bethlehem. Christ is born! Glorify Him!*

### Priest's Corner

Given the difficulties we have all faced during this past year, it is likely that many of us will be happy to see 2020 disappear into history with the coming of the new year. Unfortunately, pandemics and similar trials do not always disappear with the turning of a calendar page. We pray that the pandemic, and the restrictions placed upon us as a result, will end in the coming year. Until that time, we will continue to conduct our services with the same modifications we have been using over these months until we are allowed to return to our normal, unrestricted practices.

The aforementioned notwithstanding, we should be grateful to our Heavenly Father for His boundless and never-ending mercies, with which He continually graces us. Does this mean we should be grateful for this pandemic and all of the difficulties it has caused us? Absolutely. As a schoolteacher in both middle and high schools, I encountered a number of troubled and disruptive students. In trying to get to the root of their unhappiness, I discovered that virtually all of them were allowed by their parents to do as they pleased without any oversight, restriction, or discipline on their part. Whatever the reasons for this (some respectable, others not), I could see that it appeared to these children that their parents did not care enough about them to take the time to guide them, to counsel them, and yes, to discipline them when necessary.

All of life's trials and tribulations are allowed by or sent by God to strengthen our faith and to constantly remind us that all things are in His hands. The fact that this virus continues to run its own course—regardless of the government-imposed lockdowns and other restrictions placed on us—must be humbling to us and to all of mankind, if our spiritual eyes are open to recognize this. Just as we trust that God will protect us from any harm every time we leave our homes, drive our cars, or simply go about our daily lives, so too should we trust in His benevolence that this trial will end and that, hopefully, we will have learned the lessons He intended us to learn.

Let us, in this coming new year, once again place our trust in God's mercy, recommit ourselves to our faith, and gratefully recognize His love and benevolence in all things, in the knowledge that He

cares enough about us to discipline us while also protecting us and guiding us along the path to salvation.

*God bless!*  
—Father Alexander

### ***Congratulations to all our Name's day celebrants\*:***

- December 5 – Cecilia Montano
- December 6 – Alexander Litvinenko
- December 7 – Katherine Huhlov, Katherine Lerke, Katherine Logvy, Katya Peterson, Katherine Poluektov, Katherine Ramish, Katherine Stewart, Katherine White, and Katherine (Krassovsky) Wolkow
- December 9 – George Huhlov and George Shliapnikoff
- December 13 – Andrei Kochergin, Andrei Lucas, Andrei Mogilev, and Andrei Rykoff
- December 19 – Nicholas Aaron, Nicholas Alva, Nicholas Eldimir, Nicholas Klimenko, Nicholas Litvinenko, Nicholas Lucas, Nicholas Newton, and Nicholas Protopopoff, Jr.
- December 22 – Anna Judd
- December 27 – Daniel Alva, David Montano, Eva Balitsky and Eva Handelih
- December 31 – Noah Melake, Sarah Person, and Sarina Tesfamariam
- January 6 – Eugenia Rickard
- January 8 – Joseph Handelih
- January 9 – Steven Montano
- January 10 – Joseph Handelih and Arsema Tewolde
- January 16 – Malachi Campbell
- January 25 – Tatiana Hidchenko, Tatiana Khlopoff, Tatiana McWethy, Tatiana Metlenko, Tatiana Nigodoff, Tatiana Schneider, Tatiana Shliapnikoff, and Tatiana Volhontseff
- January 27 – Nina Russo and Nina Shikaloff
- January 31 – Fr. Deacon Athanasius Ferguson

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

**Congratulations to the parents, godparents, and relatives of the newly baptized Samei Teodoridis, who was baptized on November 12, 2020.**

Also, our prayers and very best wishes for a blessed and happy marriage go to our own Demetrius-Nader Handelih and Eva Salamon, who were married by Fr. John Nicholas and Fr. Alexander at St. Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Las Vegas on November 8, 2020. A joyous congratulations to our dear Victor-Anwar and Diana Handelih on the marriage of their son, and we welcome Eva to our parish family!

*God grant them all Many Years!*

### *In Memoriam*

With a degree of sadness but, as always, with faith in our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, we note the passing of the brother of our own Olga Sokoloff, **Nicholas Tarasoff**, who passed away in Maryland on November 20, 2020.

We also note the passing of a dear friend of many in our parish, **Nikolai Massenkoff**, who reposed peacefully on October 13, 2020. One of St. John's orphans, Nikolai was a renowned talent in the Russian community, having performed on stage, screen, Carnegie Hall, and many other famed venues across the globe. As a friend of our parish, Kolya performed at our Old Calendar New Year celebrations, bringing his talents in support of our parish.

Just as this issue of our church newsletter was ready to go out, we received the sad news of the unexpected passing of our dear friend and long-time choirmaster **Sergei Chidlowsky**, who reposed peacefully in the Lord on December 9 (our tribute to Seryozha follows under "Choir Notes"). May God grant our dear choirmaster rest among the choirs of the saints! Our deepest condolences to his wife Joanna and to all of his family: mother Milica Sergejevna, brother Michael and his wife Marina, and niece/goddaughter Alexandra.

May God grant rest to the soul of His newly departed servants **Nicholas, Nikolai, and Sergei**, and grant comfort and strength to their families. Remember them in your prayers both in church and at home.

*Memory Eternal!*

### **Stewardship/Membership Update**

At the last meeting of the Parish Council, Father Alexander reported that stewardship pledges and membership dues were running behind for the current year. As of November 30, we have collected only 77% of the pledged amounts for 2020. In an effort to make these contributions easier for our parishioners, the Parish Council has arranged to have Stewards/Members set up direct deposit, which can transfer the monthly/quarterly contributions automatically. Many organizations have been using

this method for years, making it very easy for their contributors to keep up with their pledges without even worrying about them. Please contact our Starosta, Paul Johnson, for more info on setting this up for yourself. It is also easy to make your catch-up contributions at our website using PayPal: Go to [www.stspproca.org](http://www.stspproca.org), click on "DONATE," and select "Membership & Stewardship" from the drop-down menu.



### **Without Suffering, the Cross Cannot Be Embraced**

In comparison to eternity, the trials we suffer in this life are but a blip on the meter. Many are suffering job loss, illnesses, mortgage foreclosures, and all kinds of strife and hardships. Yet if we look at all these difficulties in the light of eternity, this time of trial is nothing: **"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us"** (Rom. 8:18).

God's desire that we all come to the knowledge of the truth, and be saved, is real. His love for us is all consuming, and nothing that happens in our life is without value in this journey to eternity. Our God does not send anything our way that is beyond our ability to withstand, for His Grace is sufficient. Suffering has a salvific role, for it is in suffering that we are able to take up our cross and follow Christ. Without ascetic struggle, we remain unchanged, and transformation of self is unattainable.

God desires that all should be saved, yet this gift of salvation has to be accepted by the believer, since God will not force salvation on humanity. As we are free to reject the gift of salvation, suffering allows us to remember that this world is transitory, and that we need God. It is in that turning to God during periods of struggle that we grow in our faith, becoming one step closer to deification, where we are united, in our humanity, to God's divinity. This transformation takes place when we give ourselves over in humility to the will of God, embracing repentance as a way of life, and placing ourselves before God's mercy.

There is nothing a person can do to earn salvation, for it is a gift from God. Yet to be saved, we must work together with God in a synergy whereby our entire being, including our will, effort, and actions, are perfectly conformed with, and united to, the Divine.

Our Orthodox life is a life of suffering love, and this is perhaps the most difficult for most of us to accept. We are familiar with suffering, but will do anything we can to avoid it, forgetting that Christ told us that if we are to follow him, we have to take up our cross. Without suffering, the cross cannot be embraced.

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

## How Can Any Good Come from Something Bad?

Can any good come from this ongoing pandemic? Is there a reason for it all? What have we learned? How have we grown? What has changed about us? Every person will answer these questions differently. In St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, he tells his readers, who were formerly pagans, how the seemingly bad action of disobedience to the Gospel by the Jews who rejected Jesus as being the Christ led to mercy and salvation being given to the non-Jews, i.e., the Gentiles. In this case, something good came from something bad. Yet even though the Jews rejected Christ, they are still loved by God, and the offer of the gift of salvation through Christ will always be available to them. In fact, he predicts that "all Israel will be saved."

The pandemic has become a kind of common enemy for people around the world. In a way, it has both united us but also divided us. It has impacted every person in a unique way. It has caused the loss of income, loss of business, loss of relationships, and severe illness and death for many. But for many others, it's just a daily inconvenience that's been politicized.

What good has come or will come from this bad situation? Has it caused us to remember how fragile human life really is? Has it caused us to appreciate and value the simple things in life that truly matter, like family, faith, and philanthropy? Has it caused us to slow down, to be more patient, to be more kind, to be more grateful? Has it inspired us to help and think of others more often? Has it made us know ourselves better? Has it revealed our fear of death, which in turn has caused us to pray more and draw closer to God? If any of the above is true, then indeed much good has come from this bad situation.

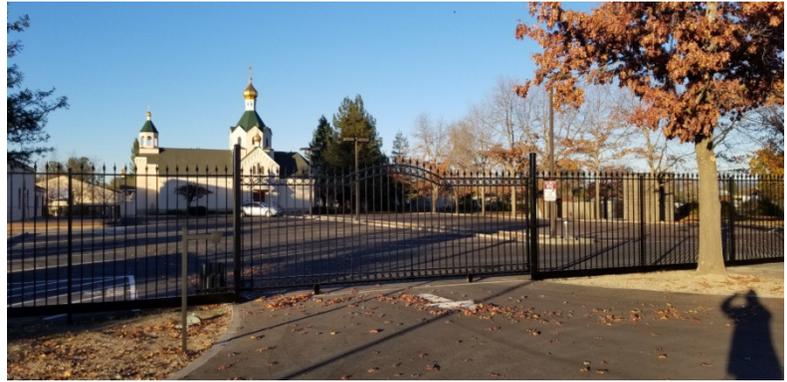
—Father Ninos Oshaana  
Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek  
Orthodox Church, Vallejo, CA

### Starosta's Corner

It has been an interesting couple of months as we have been besieged by electrical and equipment failures timed perfectly to coincide with the food preparation for our annual pre-Christmas Bazaar.

The heavy-duty mixer required to mix the dough and meats for the pelmeni and piroshki had to be rebuilt. Naturally, it wasn't completed when promised, and our food prep dates had to be adjusted accordingly.

Then the large refrigerator broke down not once but twice. Next, one of the freezers stopped working and it turned out to be an electrical outlet that kept malfunctioning due to food prep equipment being used at precisely the right time in another room. The motion sensor that turns the lights on and off in the men's restroom failed and was replaced, followed by the one in the women's restroom failing and being replaced.



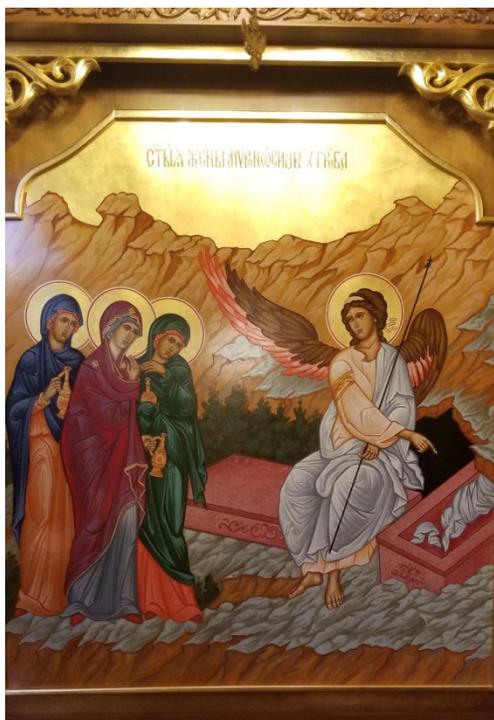
Finally, as we were starting the Liturgy one Sunday, the power went out for about 8 hours, so we were unable to stream the service online. However, we did get to use our newly purchased backup generator for the hall and kitchen, which kept the freezers and refrigerators (loaded with food for the Bazaar) operating until the power came back on.

The installation of the new fence and electric gates was just completed, securing access to the parking lot. The gates will remain closed except for when we hold church services, and may be opened using the keypad.

Emergency lights and exit signs in the church have been upgraded to LED. The swings in the newly renovated children's playground have been replaced with new seats and chains.

Our iconostasis was recently adorned with an icon of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women at the tomb, inside the niche on the left kliros.

—Paul Johnson  
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### Sisterhood News

Although we were only able to do frozen food to go with curbside service, the food was a great success, earning almost \$5,000. Thank you all who cooked, prepared, and worked the order pick-ups. Thank you to Demetrius

Handelih and Sasha Krassovsky, who worked so hard to place our online ordering system onto our church site. Well done.

Again, never mentioned but always appreciated, our Paul Johnson and Alexei Khlopoff are always on top of things with their baking of the prosphori and special Litya breads for the church services. Thank you so much, you two!

Our special holidays coming up: Christmas, the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday January 7, and, Theophany (with the Great Blessing of the Water) on Friday, January 19. Unfortunately there will be no sign-up for food for our Christmas lunch due to restrictions from COVID-19, but we will be needing people to help decorate the Church on January 3 after Liturgy as well as donate and put together the Christmas baskets for our ailing members and shut-ins. They could always use our prayers and even a cheerful visit or phone call. For more information, please contact our Outreach Liaison, Anna Judd, at 707-823-2372 or annaljudd@comcast.net.

While we continue to abide by the restrictions that have been imposed on us, please do not forget our elderly, and our ailing members and shut-ins. Now more than ever, they need to know that we are thinking of them, and they could use our prayers and a reassuring card, phone call, e-mail, delivery of food items, or ride to church. If you know someone who could use support, please contact our Outreach Liaison,

Anna Judd, at 707-823-2372 or annaljudd@comcast.net. God bless!

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### A Joyful Event

While the weather outside was a bit chilly on November 8, 2020, inside it was all smiles and warmth at the wedding of our own **Demetrius-Nader Handelih** and **Eva Salamon**. The wedding ceremony was conducted jointly by V. Rev. Fr. John Nicholas and Fr. Alexander at St. Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Las Vegas. As Demetrius waited

### **BANITZA WITH FETA CHEESE (Bulgarian Feta Cheese Pie)**

#### **Ingredients**

- 1 package filo dough
- 7 eggs
- 1 lb Feta cheese
- 8 oz milk
- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 4 oz. olive oil



#### **Preparation**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Beat the eggs but leave one of the yolks aside. Add the cheese by crumbling it. Add the milk but leave some aside. Mix well together. Butter in between 2 sheets; butter again on the top and spread on the cheese mixture. Roll up in a coil and place in a previously oiled baking sheet. Repeat the same with remaining sheets and mixture. Mix the yolk and milk and brush generously on the top. Bake until golden brown, about 1 hour.

#### **Preparation**

- Put the cheese in bowl in cold water and let sit overnight to remove salt a bit.
- Remove the filo from fridge and let stand for at least 4-5 hours at room temperature.
- Melt the butter, add the olive oil, and mix them together

**Bon Appetit !**



—Theodora Dokos

with his brother Joseph near the altar, their parents, Victor (Anwer) and Diana Handelih, walked up the aisle together and stood by their sons. Eva’s mother Naheel was escorted in by Eva’s brother John, followed by her maid of honor, Sawsan Bannoura. Finally, the bride, dressed in a beautiful white gown, was escorted up the aisle by her father, Sami Salamon, and joined the ensemble in front of the altar. Since the young couple had been formally betrothed two weeks earlier at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, the service that day began with the actual sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Fr. John and Fr. Alexander took turns reading the prayers and petitions—the first in Arabic, the second in English—with the responses being beautifully sung by the mother-and-daughter duet of Mervat and Celine Bannoura. It was particularly interesting to see how some of the customs were unique compared with some of those we have usually seen in our Russian weddings. The sacrament itself was, of course, identical. The church service ended with Fr. Alexander exhorting the young couple with a short homily, followed by Fr. John’s hearty congratulations, and ending with a traditional three-time lift up from behind of the groom by his brother! As the newlyweds were leaving the church, the bride’s mother sang out a litany of blessings in Arabic, truly completing the joy of the moment.

The reception followed in the church hall—a beautiful new building designed by Fr. John himself. With appetizers and wine abounding, the guests congratulated the parents and each other with the joy of the event, eagerly awaiting the newlyweds. As soon as Mr. and Mrs. Demetrius Handelih entered, they began their first dance together as husband and wife in the middle of the dance floor. Within minutes, they were surrounded by their parents, relatives, and friends, all dancing around the couple, celebrating together. The dancing went on for quite some time before the newlyweds were finally able to sit down at their “sweetheart” table on the stage. There was but a short

break for the prayer to bless the feast and a bite to eat before the dancing continued in earnest to what appeared to be very popular Palestinian tunes—and to which many of the guests sang along as they danced. It was amazing to watch how Nader and Eva, together with their relatives and guests, continued to dance and celebrate song after song, dance after dance—and so it continued well into the evening! We heartily congratulate our newlyweds and welcome Eva to our parish and spiritual family. God grant them many years of joy together!

—Father Alexander

## Choir Notes

*“I will praise the Lord in my life; I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.”*

—Second Antiphon, Divine Liturgy



On December 9, 2020, our long-time Choir Master (Regent) Sergei Chidlow, known affectionately as Seryozha, reposed peacefully in the Lord after a long illness with kidney disease at age 63. It has been impossible to replace him, as he was a talented, spiritually sensitive musician who brought a deep love for the services and the composers who adorned them to each and every evening Vigil and Divine Liturgy. From his

teenage years, he found his calling and his talent for singing and conducting in a variety of settings, first in San Francisco with the Cathedral Youth Choir, and at Holy Resurrection Church, and later as choir director at St. Simeon’s church in Calistoga and here at Sts. Peter & Paul, Santa Rosa (starting in 1997). His career as



*Sergei conducting Theophany procession, January 1998.*

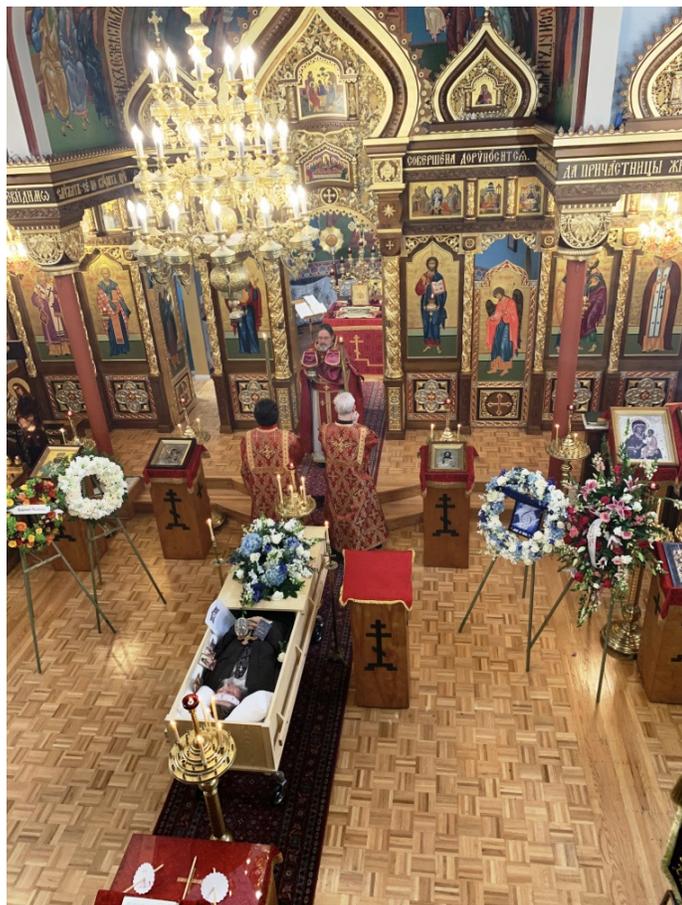
choir conductor spanned over forty years, and he was a long-time member of the Synodal Liturgical Music Commission. When he passed away, he was still hoping to be able to conduct the services for the Great Consecration of our church. Alas, it was not to be.

He leaves behind his wife, Joanna (a longtime singer in his choir), his mother Milica Sergeevna, his brother Michael, sister-in-law Marina, niece/goddaughter Alexandra, and godson Deacon Peter Markevich of Jordanville. The entire extended choir family, here and at Holy Virgin Cathedral, mourns his passing, and sung a heartfelt goodbye to him during the memorial services of December 15–16. What follows are excerpts from the eulogy by Father Alexander.



“Having known Seryozha since the days of my youth, when we first began singing together in the youth choir in the cathedral in San Francisco; having known him throughout all of our cultural things, church things, school things, for all of our lives, I can honestly say that these words that we’ve just heard, that Seryozha and I had sung so many times for others, so perfectly speak to his life, to his faith, and to his future: ‘All of you who in this life have trod the narrow way of grief, having taken up the Cross as a yoke and followed Me in faith, come—delight in the honors and heavenly crowns that I prepared for you.’

“Seryozha endured a significant amount of difficulty in his life, sadness, and sorrow, because he chose a path that is not an easy one. He chose a path that was to the service of God. And indeed, anyone who chooses that path will not find it an easy one. But he did more than merely multiply his talents which God granted to him. For indeed, he was a talented musician. But he decided to do more than merely that, but to bring that talent back to God and to multiply it many times over. And in time he became an accomplished choir director, singing in choirs in San Francisco, Calistoga, and finally here in Santa Rosa for many years.



“Any choir director will tell you—it’s no easy job because, unfortunately, we are not in a situation where we can pay a choir director a salary so he can spend all his time doing only that. No, Seryozha had to find himself a career and go to school, make a life for himself and support himself and his family over the years. And still, while he was working, he was in church every single Saturday and Sunday, was in church at all the feast days. How many times he would be called by the priest to come and do a molieben, to do a panikhida, to do a funeral, to do a wedding—and all these things done not for the sake of some job, because you can’t consider something like this a job, it is a calling indeed. Because it requires not merely talent but a dedication, a love for God and His church. And this was something evident in Sergei....

“But interestingly enough, in these last ten years, during which he suffered so terribly as a result of the numerous diseases that wracked him, he said recently that these are the happiest



days of my life. And it's interesting how someone could say something like that. Because, for one, he was able to participate in the choir, especially at Pascha and other great services, regardless of what was going on around him, and secondly, because of the fact that he had celebrated the tenth anniversary of his marriage to Joanna, a person whom he said that God granted to him as a gift that was undeserved by him. She supported him in many activities, especially in the Synodal Liturgical Music Commission and organizing of church music conferences, which were held in Santa Rosa and elsewhere, and of course, dealing with all his medical issues and taking care of him.... [They serve] as an example to us of what it means to be married, what it really means to be a wife, a husband, that this is what love is truly all about: serving one another, especially in such a time of need.... May God grant indeed that Sergei will continue to pray for her and for all of his choir members, as he did when he lived and served.

“Indeed, to my brother, friend, and concelebrant of the Divine Liturgy, I say,... You and I were always on the same page—we were here for one reason—not for ourselves, but to indeed adorn the beauty of God’s house with our services, with our singing, to do the very best we could to His glory. And for that, I am grateful. I use the term ‘concelebrant’ not lightly, because that applies primarily to the clergy who serve in the altar. But who are we without you when the Deacon’s petitions are read, who will answer him? Who gives us the chance to say the holy prayers of the Eucharist while you sing the hymns? Who sets the tone, whether it be Great Lent or Holy Pascha and everything in between?

“For you who sing in the choir balcony, I will take a moment to speak for him and say: Renew your talents. Not in some minor sense of the word, but diligently.... While we are all still here, let us fulfill that service to God with diligence, without being lazy, without putting other things as more important. Because the talents that were given to you by God

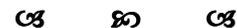


must be returned to Him many times over. And this is your opportunity to do so. And so in memory of Seryozha, remembering the things that he taught you, continue that good work in the knowledge that what we do is to the glory of God.

“And as for you, my friend, we will miss you. But we will give you leave to go. It is God’s command: Go, receive that heavenly crown. Delight in the honors that have been prepared for you. Join the choir of all those magnificent voices who preceded all of us and who taught us. Join them. Join the choir of the saints. Join the choir of the angels who will sing for all eternity His praises to the One to Whom be all glory and thanksgiving forever. Amen.”



*The 40-day panikhida for Sergei will be held after Divine Liturgy on January 17 and will be livestreamed at [www.stspproca.org](http://www.stspproca.org) for those who cannot attend but wish to pray with us for his repose.*



## Orthodox Community Events

- **The All-European Church Music Committee presents the Second Pan-European Orthodox Liturgical Music Conference: “Church Singing in Crisis Conditions” held online January 28–30, 2021.** The conference will feature lectures by renowned international specialists in the field of choral singing and church musicianship, workshops, and group discussions. The focus will be on the difficulties of church singing during various historical crises, reflecting the current situation across parishes and how it can be overcome. The conference welcomes church choir conductors, singers, readers, and all others interested in Russian Orthodox choral music. The working language of the conference will be Russian, with synchronous translation into English and French. However, some lectures will be given in English and French. Online activities will take place on January 28 and 29 from 2:00 p.m. to

9:30 p.m., and on January 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Central European Time (9 hours ahead of PT). The price for participation varies from EUR 39 to EUR 79 (\$48-\$96 US). To register, please visit [www.aecmc.org](http://www.aecmc.org).



- **Holy Virgin Cathedral is open for private devotion: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Maximum of 10 people inside for up to 15 minutes. 6210 Geary Blvd. San Francisco. If you would like to put up a candle of any size for an upcoming service, please visit [SFSobor.com/donate](http://SFSobor.com/donate). All services are livestreamed at <http://sfsobor.tilda.ws/livestreaming>.
- **Online Prayer Requests:** Even though the SF Cathedral is closed, services continue, and prayer requests to **St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco** can be submitted online at <http://www.sfsobor.com; St. John; Prayer Requests>. There you may provide a list of names of your relatives and friends for commemoration at the weekly *molieben* to St. John in front of his relics. The *molieben* is served every **Saturday at 4:30 p.m.** and is livestreamed at <http://sfsobor.tilda.ws/livestreaming>. Please submit your list by no later than Friday at 3:00 p.m. for the following Saturday. Also, be sure to make a donation to the Cathedral to help them in this time of financial hardship. Or, write a letter to St. John, **c/o Holy Virgin Cathedral, 6210 Geary Blvd. San Francisco CA 94121**. Postal only. No e-letters please.
- **Study of the Messianic Prophecies:** Fr. James Jorgenson of St. Seraphim's Church will guide study through selected chapters of the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah on **Wed. evenings**, restarting on **January 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Sign in at the following Zoom address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91396360506?pwd=WDJlQ0dsOjVNVVEpZk1Yb1V3VVlYdz09> or email [LMargitich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LMargitich@sbcglobal.net) to be added to the mailing list.
- **Redwood Empire Food Bank** distribution continues, and now takes place **second and fourth Wednesdays**

(**Jan. 13 and 27, etc.**) at **3:45–5:30 p.m. St. Seraphim Orthodox Church** parking lot, 90 Mountain View Ave., Santa Rosa, 707-584-9491. Please contact Lydia Nicholson to volunteer: [lydiaddg@gmail.com](mailto:lydiaddg@gmail.com).

- **Holy Assumption Monastery** in Calistoga is live-streaming their services, which are also archived on their Facebook page. Daily services include Matins at 5:30 a.m., Sixth Hour at 12:30 p.m., Vespers at 6:00 p.m., and Compline at 7:30 p.m. Visit [facebook.com/holyassumptionmonastery](https://facebook.com/holyassumptionmonastery) for an up-to-date schedule and archived videos.
- **17th Annual Walk for Life West Coast** will go on within pandemic restrictions in San Francisco. **January 23, 12:30 p.m., Civic Center Plaza.** Stand for the lives of women who are hurt from abortion, and for the lives of the unborn threatened by abortion. This year, there will be a much more simplified, grass-roots prayer rally and walk. Speakers include Walk Chaplain, Father Joseph Fessio, and the Reverend Clenard Childress of [Blackgenocide.org](http://Blackgenocide.org). After the rally, the walk will process peacefully down Market Street to the Ferry Building.
- **The 14th Annual Saint Herman's West Youth Conference** will be held remotely over Zoom in the evenings of **December 28–30, 2020**. Participation is free. However, registration is necessary via online form at [https://www.wadiocese.com/news\\_201205\\_1](https://www.wadiocese.com/news_201205_1). You can submit questions ahead of time for presenters.



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### Meeting Notice:

➤ **Parish Council meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 6:00 p.m., in the Admin Building.**