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MESSAGE FROM FATHER STEFAN

*Thou wast born secretly in the cave, but
heaven spoke through a star and proclaimed
Thee to all, O Savior. And it brought Magi,
who worshipped Thee with faith; have mercy
upon them and upon us!*

*And the angel said unto them, Fear not:
for, behold, I bring you good tidings of
great joy, which shall be to all people. For
unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

As a young boy, I was blessed to see a miracle of the Mother of God through Her Kursk-Root Icon on my father. This time during my trip to Russia in October, I saw once again the spiritual power possessed by this miracle-working icon when approached by true believers.

As many of you know, I was humbly honored to be part of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad clergy who accompanied His Grace Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan during his visit to Russia with the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God of the Sign. I flew to Frankfurt, Germany with Protopriest Vladimir Boikov and Priest James Carles, both from the Diocese of Australia and New Zealand. In Germany, we met Protodeacon Alexander Kichakov of the Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America. The four of us continued on to Moscow, then Yekaterinburg.

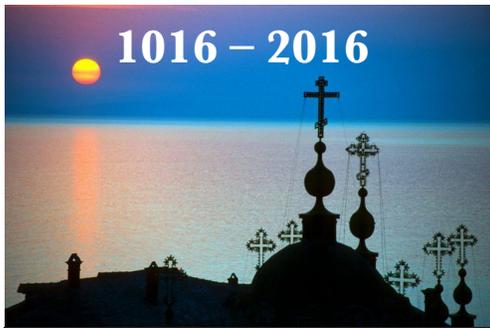
Meanwhile, the Icon was arriving from the city of Kursk where it had been present for its Feast Day services. It was met by His Eminence Metropolitan Kyrill of Yekaterinburg, along with the clergy, the faithful, and pilgrims who greeted it with prayers, hymns, and tears of joy. The icon stayed at the Main Cathedral, named "on the Blood" because it was built on the grounds where the Ipatiev House once stood. It was there the Royal Romanoff Family was brutally murdered almost a full century ago.

During our four day visit, local priests kept continuous vigil in front of the Icon, saying prayers and chanting akathistos hymns. Continuous streams of faithful queued to venerate the deeply revered sacred image. People in long lines made their way slowly to view the icon, venerated it for a few fleeting moments, then were directed to move onward so others would have a similar opportunity.

The regular daily cycle of services was also celebrated by the local and visiting clergy, including a midnight liturgy. During one of those liturgies, the Metropolitan appointed me to say the sermon. With trepidation, I shared the account of the miracle that occurred in my own family through God's mercy and the intercession of the Holy Virgin. My father was dying and the Kursk Icon was brought to his hospital bed the night before his operation. During surgery, the doctors ex-

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pected to find his condition hopeless. Yet, when they opened him up, they discovered “brand new internal organs like a baby.” A mysterious sack had to be removed, after which he lived for many decades.

While many thousands of people venerated the icon in the city of Yekaterinburg, not everyone was able to pay a visit to the Cathedral to do so. The appointed days in Yekaterinburg passed by and the icon was scheduled to move to the next city of Kamensk-Uralsk. Driving along a freeway similar to ours but needing some repairs, we requested a short rest stop. The driver drove into a random gas station/roadside store, similar to others we had passed by. As gas was being pumped into our small motorcoach, employees asked if by chance we were the American clergy who had been serving in Yekaterinburg.

Reverend Father Archpriest Vladimir Boikov revealed that, yes, we were the ones and furthermore, the Holy Kursk Icon was with us. Would they wish to venerate it? The Icon was brought out and five women and two men who worked there approached it solemnly.

One young woman stood before the Icon in deep prayer with tears in her eyes. She stayed in prayer for an extended time, gazing at the Holy Virgin, then closing her eyes and again drawing her gaze at the Icon ever so intently. We were all awed and touched by her fervent prayers.

As it happened, she was well aware of the presence of the Holy Image at the Cathedral in the city and had a firm intention of venerating the icon and praying to the Holy Theotokos for her ailing four-year-old son who also suffered from autism. Yet, each time she made plans to go to the Cathedral, they were thwarted for various reasons beyond her control. Then, the Icon went on its way to the next location, too far for her to travel. She was disheartened and lost hope in praying before the wonder-working Icon.

But suddenly, at her place of work, the Mother of God had come to her! Truly, it was like Elizabeth saying to the Virgin Mary, “How is it that the Mother of My Lord has come to me!”

That night, we all prayed fervently that the young mother’s prayers would be answered.

THEOLOGICAL QUESTION

What is the Proper Way to Confess?

Some parishioners believe that as long as they don’t kill anyone, steal anything, commit adultery or have an abortion, there’s no need to go to Confession. That’s a big mistake. We all sin daily and hourly with so-called small sins which are as abominable to Our Lord as the major ones.

In his “Full Confession,” Saint Dimitri of Rostov lists the following sins we tend to shrug off as minor: idle talking, judging others, stubbornness, pride, hard-heartedness, envy, anger, slander, inattention, negligence concerning our salvation, carelessness, indifference, impertinence, irritability, despondency, rendering evil for evil, bitterness, disobedience, complaining, self-justification, contradicting others, self-will, ambition, eating and drinking to excess, vanity, laziness, entertaining unclean thoughts, impure glances, acquisitiveness, and, of course, absence from Divine Services because of laziness, and absent-mindedness at prayers both in Church and at home.

The Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession or Repentance are two separate Mysteries in our Orthodox Christian Church. They are so closely bound together, the widely accepted norm in churches belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad is to always go to Confession before partaking of Holy Communion.

We prepare for both Sacraments with prayer, fasting and contemplation. We should examine our Orthodox Prayer Book and find the appropriate prayers, akathists and canons appointed specifically in preparation for Repentance and Communion. Familiarize yourself with its content and get into the habit of following a daily prayer rule which can be adjusted when Confession and Communion are forthcoming.

To prepare for a good confession, we should take the time to examine our personal life and make a sincere and honest assessment of our daily behavior, habits and activities. These should be compared to the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament and the Holy Beatitudes in the New Testament. Some believers find it helpful to examine their conscience comparing their action (or inaction) to the so-called “Toll House” list of sins. A few Morning and Evening Prayers include lists of sinful acts and habits, which help make a good Confession.

Listing our sins, however, is just the beginning of a true Confession. We must sincerely reject all sinful activity and make a huge effort to turn away from our evil habits and to do good. Just repeating a list of sinful acts at Confession is like trimming weeds. Unless the weeds are pulled out by the roots, it’s a useless act. Sincere Repentance is a rejection and hatred of sin and a commitment to stop repeating sinful habits.

We should always remember that God knows everything about us and our sinful activities. As we stand next to the Priest before the Holy Gospel and the Life Giving Cross, we should hold nothing back. Only when we are sincerely penitent does Our Lord Jesus Christ forgive all our sins. Then He says to us, “Go and sin NO MORE!”

BAPTISED

OCTOBER 2015

Angelina Hsu
Mihail Rabodzei

NOVEMBER 2015

Vera Brevnov
Luca Guran
Elizabeth Lyovin

MARRIED

OCTOBER 2015

None

NOVEMBER 2015

Susan Motoviloff and
Christopher Murphy

REPOSED IN THE LORD

OCTOBER 2015

None

NOVEMBER 2015

George Tarala

LIVESTREAM SERVICES

For those who are home bound or hospitalized and are not able to attend Services at the Church Of All Russian Saints (COARS), we have enabled live video streaming via the Internet. All live and previously recorded Services can be viewed here:

www.new.livestream.com/COARS

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FOOD DRIVE EXCEEDS GOALS

Alexei Baranoff

The Parish Council would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated bags, boxes, gift cards and money to our first Thanksgiving Food Drive Fill-a-Box Program. The endeavor was a huge success! We are proud to say that a total of 77 bags and boxes, each containing groceries for an entire Thanksgiving meal, were donated to the CALL Primrose Food Bank on behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church of All Russian Saints. We exceeded our goal by 27 bags!

When Dima Bobroff delivered the first bunch of bags, four volunteers from the organization came out to help him unload. "They praised our church for helping, saying we were awesome," he recalls. "What surprised me was the number of needy people who were coming to the Primrose facility and asking for a bag of food."

The Fill-a-Box Program was organized to collect Thanksgiving meals for needy families in San Mateo County. Due to the generosity of our parish, 77 families, who would not have been able to afford a Thanksgiving meal, enjoyed this wonderful holiday.

Recently, Father Stefan received a letter from Terri Boesch, executive director of CALL Primrose. The letter stated, "Thank you for the recent donation of Holiday boxes to CALL Primrose. We are so very appreciative of your support which allows us to continue our mission to assist those in need in our community. Local Support from our community is CALL Primrose's main resource and we are so grateful."

The Parish Council plans to make this an annual tradition for years to come. Thank you, parishioners, for supporting this worthwhile endeavor.



Father Stefan examines the boxes and bags of food parishioners donated to the Primrose Food Drive. Thanks to generous donations by St. John Kronstadt Health Care Center and Brookside Skilled Nursing, we exceeded our goals.

Christ is born, Glorify Him! Christ comes from heaven, go to meet Him! Christ is on earth, be exalted!

SALUTING THE 2015 STEWARDS

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Anastasia and Alexei Baranoff
Ludmilla and Dimitry Bobroff
Efrain Brazo
Natalia Bremer
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Dima Bobroff

The Parish Council wishes to thank all of you who are, and have been, Stewards of the Church of All Russian Saints. Your love, generosity, and pledges have allowed our Church to operate in the black over the past several years and to implement much-needed repairs and improvements.

Your commitment to our Church has been visible not only financially, but also through your volunteer efforts, donating time and energy to our Parish life. All this helps grow a strong spiritual family and community.

How were the Stewardship funds spent in 2015?

1. We paid the last installment (\$6,000) for raising the concrete at the entrance of the Church to accommodate an ADA ramp. (Thank you, Nikolai Koretsky, for your out-of-the-box idea.)
2. We spent \$36,000 to remodel the vacated rental house next door in order to command a higher rent. An excellent renter has been found.
3. We replaced three flimsy, wooden doors on the north side of the Church with strong steel doors to increase our security (\$6,500).

What are our plans for 2016?

1. Install a video surveillance system with cameras inside and outside the Church to further increase our security and to act as a deterrent.
2. Transform the bottom floor of the adjacent rental house into a possible rental unit or other usable space.

3. Refurbish (scrape and paint) the perimeter fence and gates and re-gild spear points on the fence.

4. Fix needed repairs as they arise.

You can view more specifics in the Stewardship brochures as well as on the posters by the front door and in the Church Hall downstairs.

This month, January 2016, I will be sending out 501(c)(3) tax deduction notices to all our 2015 Stewards, along with a Renewal Pledge Form. We hope all our current Stewards will continue donating to this Fund in 2016 and invite everyone else to become a Steward and support OUR church. You do not have to be a parishioner to become a Steward.

Brochures and application forms will be handed out on several Sundays in January. If you miss receiving them, they are also available in the entryway by the candle stand.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Western American Diocese, with His Eminence Archbishop Kyrill as its Hierarchy, has had an online website for about a year. The material on it is written in both Russian and English. Website address is: <http://wadiocese.com/>

The website is rich in diocesan news and information. One of the most popular features (as measured by the number of views) is the availability of videos, such as the recent "Opening of the Saint Silouan's Monastery" in Sonora, California. It is 22 minutes long and you'll recognize many people in it, including some of our own parishioners. Sister Vassa Larin's talk entitled "Sister Vassa, Spirituality & Organized Religion" also attracts a lot of viewers.

During the December 2, 2015 meeting of the Diocesan Council, its members recognized the importance of videos on the website and decided to formally expand its video production capability. They invite you to explore the current selection of videos, then check back often to see new videos as they are produced and posted.

For your reference, the Cathedral website address is <http://sfsobor.com/>

DECEMBER NAMESDAYS



Celebrating December Saints Daniel, Alexander Nevsky, Ekaterina, Andrei, and Nikolai are (left to right) Daniel Gilchrist, Alexander Loboda, Katia (Ekaterina) Kovalenko, Andrei Roudenko, Alina (Ekaterina) Faershtein, and Nikolai Koretsky.

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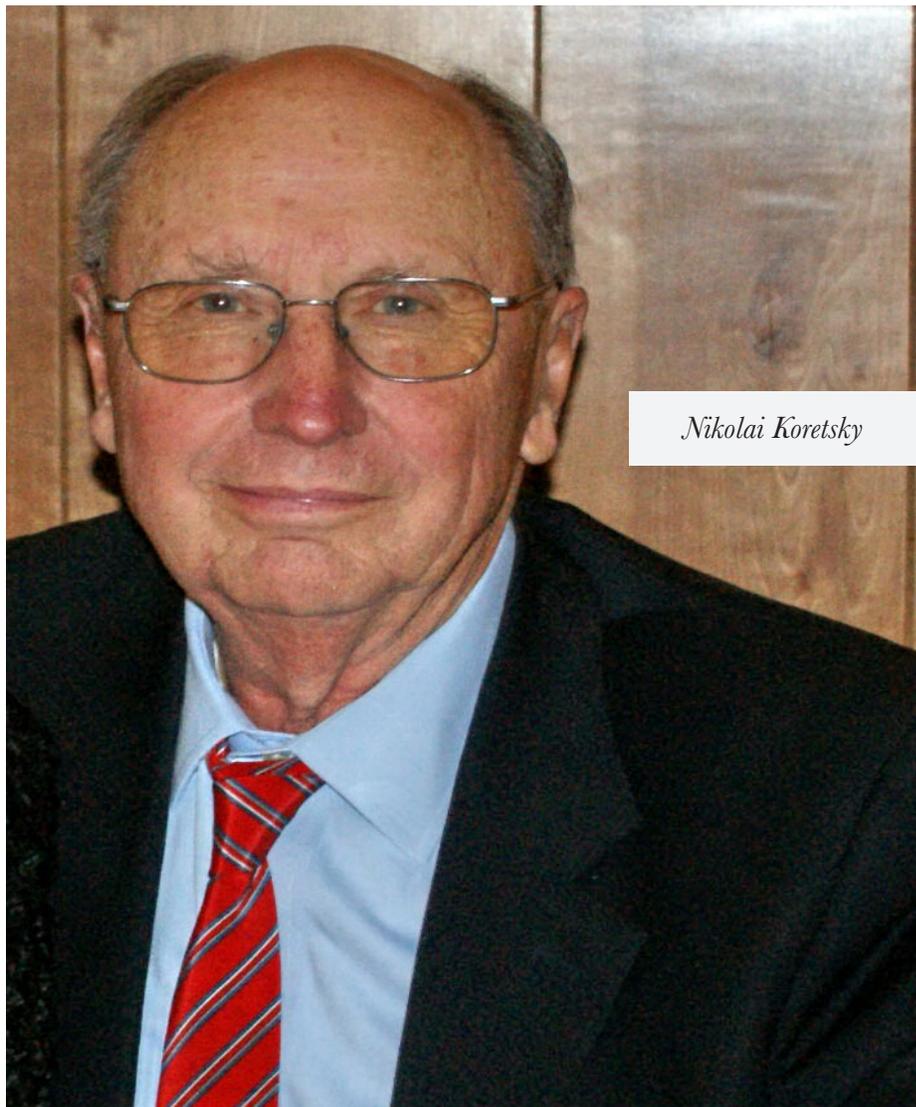
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NIKOLAI KORETSKY: PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN MUSEUM OF CULTURE

Ludmilla Bobroff



Nikolai Koretsky

Nikolai Koretsky is one of the most dedicated and loyal members of our Church. Since he was widowed in 2009, he has devoted many hours helping out wherever he was needed: scraping candle wax weekly off the floors, painting the garage in the rental house, and battling City Hall to get the ADA ramp built. But perhaps his greatest contribution was accepting the presidency of the Russian Museum of Culture in San Francisco in order to help grow its archives and increase the number of Friends of the Museum.

“Nikolai was appointed president in 2008 by the late outgoing president Giorgi Andreevich Tarala,” says Margarita Meniailenko, chief archivist at the museum. “At that time, we volunteers wondered what could Nikolai contribute to the Museum? Although he was part of the 1940’s and 50’s immigration to San Francisco which the Museum specializes in, as a retired engineer he knew very little about cataloguing and collecting historical documents.

“Yet, over the years, Nikolai has been the best public relations person we could have,” she continues. “In his soft-spoken, diplomatic manner, he has dealt with researchers from all over the world, computerized our data base, purchased

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*Vova and Lana
Kondrashoff*

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scanners to decipher hard-to-read documents, and attracted 21 Friends of the Museum who provide monetary donations and support.”

Nikolai’s interest in history began as a small boy, growing up in Harbin, China. In his memoirs recently compiled for his five young grandchildren, he writes, “I was a non-athletic, quiet boy, preferring to listen to adult conversations and remembering key points of these discussions. Unlike my sister who had a good singing voice, played the piano well, was a talented painter, spoke fluent French, and was a knowledgeable conversationalist, I preferred to listen and observe others. It was my father’s knowledge of historical events that interested me.”

A love of history was, in fact, inherited by Nikolai. A few years ago he spent months researching the Koretsky name. He traced its origin to the city of Korets, located in the north-central part of Ukraine. Today, only the ruins of an old 14th century Korets castle remains.

Recalling experiences mentioned by his father and grandfather, he writes in his memoirs about the Russian civil war when his grandfather, a former military man, rejoined the White Army which moved eastward through Siberia during the “ice march”. Meanwhile, his grandmother and their two young sons traveled east by railroad in cargo cars equipped with bedding and wood fired stoves. It took them several months to complete this slow, stop and go, hazardous journey. The family was finally reunited in Harbin, China.

Nikolai’s childhood memories are especially vivid of his family’s annual vacations in China and their eventual immigration to Brazil. When the Korean War ended, the plywood company that employed Nikolai’s father was purchased by the Chinese. A considerable sum of money was divided among the employees. There was one hitch, however. No one could take the money out of China. The father came up with a solution. When their visas arrived to immigrate to Brazil, Alexei Pavlovich ordered nails to be made from platinum which he used to nail their shipping crates. Since the platinum nails looked like iron nails, the crates passed inspection and the family started their new life in Brazil with sufficient funds.

The memoirs also include Nikolai’s memories of coming to America in 1958, finishing his education, getting a job as an engineer, first at Hughes Aircraft, then at GTE/Sylvania, falling in love and marrying his beloved Natasha, then raising three sons, Vladimir, Alexander, and Andrei. “Those 40 years were the golden years of my life,” he says. In 2009, Natasha died of pancreatic cancer at home with Nikolai and Natasha’s best friend, Anna, by her side.

However, it was not a love of history that brought Nikolai to the Russian Museum upon his retirement. Rather, it was an opportunity to be with his 90-year-old father and his sister who shared a house together in Santa Rosa and enjoyed volunteering at the Museum. Upon Natasha’s repose, it was also a reason for Nikolai to get out of the house.

Today, the Russian Museum of Culture is a major part of his life, along with the Church of All Russian Saints. Other Burlingame parishioners volunteering at the Russian Museum are Mara Klestoff, secretary, and Anatoly Shmelev, a member of the financial review commission.

The Russian Museum of Culture was founded in 1949 and given attic space in the Russian Center. The first archival materials were documents from the Russian Far East and the city of Vladivostok. Over time, the museum accumulated historical items from 27 countries where Russians had fled their homeland. Its archives contain one of the largest collections of publications printed in DP (Displaced Persons) Camps. An exhibit hall on the third floor displays interesting physical items.

Behind the scenes, 13 volunteers work on 12 PC computers, which all network together. The volunteers scan original documents and enter summarized catalogued data.

“Today, our primary mission is to collect materials which pertain to the life of Russians prior to and during the Revolution. We also want items relating to their lives before coming to the United States and after they arrived here,” Nikolai explains. “We are always looking for suitable donations.”

The Russian Museum of Culture is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located at 2450 Sutter Street, San Francisco 94115. The number is 415-921-4082. The website is www.mrcsf.org. Volunteers speak Russian and English.



Nikolai and Natasha Koretsky (seated) take a family photo with their sons, (left to right), Vladimir, Alexander, and Andrei.

PLEASE COME TO OUR RUSSIAN SCHOOL YOLKA PARTY

Lada Denisova

Young and old alike are welcome to attend our annual Yolka party to be held on January 10 at noon in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. There will be gifts for every child, circle dances, student performances, and, of course, an appearance by a very special guest of honor. While the event is free of charge, we hope attendees will support this Russian School fundraiser by purchasing lottery tickets to win one of many baskets full of useful treats. The drawing for these baskets will be held during intermission of the show.

Lunch will be served to all guests by parents of our Russian School students. We will also sing a Troparion and Kontakion in celebration of the Nativity. After an opening word from Father Stefan, the show will begin. First on the stage will be the four and five-year-olds who will recite winter poems. Then, all our students will perform a well-known fairy tale.

During intermission, the winning lottery tickets will be pulled. Children can also participate in an "everybody-wins" lottery, bringing home a small prize.

Special guest of honor Ded Moroz (Father Frost) is expected to arrive when the show ends. He will be greeting children, playing games, dancing around the hall, and handing out presents.

We look forward to seeing you at our Yolka, eating delicious Russian food, becoming acquainted with our parents and teachers, and enjoying the smiles and laughter of our wonderful children.

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Дед Мороз с подарками для всех детей,
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"YOLKA"

Christmas Presentation

Sunday, January 10, 2016 at noon
at Church of All Russian Saints, Burlingame
Food, Children's performance, Father Frost
with presents for all kids, circle dances.

Admission is free.
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All are invited!



(Left to right) His Grace Bishop Theodosius, Archpriest Alexei Kotar, and Father Dimitri Jakimowicz attend the concert. Archpriest Alexei commented, "Every service at this Church sounds like a concert."

CHOIR NEWS

Andrei Roudenko

In October, our parish choir presented a concert of selections that were written by composers for whom 2015 was a major anniversary year. These included Bortniansky, Rachmaninoff, Ledkovsky, Trubachev, Ippolitov-Ivanov and others. Among those in attendance were His Grace Bishop Theodosius, Archpriest Alexei Kotar, Father Dimitri Jakimowicz, as well many of our parishioners and guests from other churches. Noticeably absent was Father Stefan, who was escorting the miracle-working Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God on its pilgrimage in Russia. Thanks to our patrons' generous donations, our choir is able to fund the entire 2016 Stewardship Liturgical Supplies program, which includes Altar wine, incense and other items used in our services. Thank you, all!

After Father Stefan's return, we celebrated our annual Хоровой Праздник (choral celebration/commemoration of St. Roman the sweet-singer, patron saint of church choir singers), hosted by our Sisterhood. During the festivities, we honored Constantine Constantinovich Senchukoff, our Дядя Костя ("Uncle" Kostya), and Alla Vladimirovna Avisov, our two most veteran, emeritus-level members. We thanked them for their many years of participation, which was followed by a lengthy standing ovation. Дядя Костя then said, "If my health permits, I'm planning to sing at our next concert." Дай вам Бог здоровее, (Lord grant you both good health).



The final 2015 Choir Concert attracted many parishioners and guests from other churches

In the coming weeks, our choir will be preparing for major upcoming services – most notably, Рождество Христово (Nativity of the Lord) and Крещение Господне/Богоявление (Baptism of the Lord/Epiphany). These services include many extraordinarily beautiful works that are heard only once a year. In addition, inspired by a donation from our ever-memorable late Galina Vasilievna Destin's estate, we have begun work on our next concert program, which will feature prayers that we will sing during our Great Lent and Passion Week services. Save the date - Sunday, March 27, the Sunday after Торжество Православия (Triumph of Orthodoxy).

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

JANUARY 10 – Yolka sponsored by the Parish Russian School

JANUARY 17 – Sisterhood Lunch

JANUARY 24 – Coffee Hour celebrating Saints Anastasia, Eugenia, Claudia, Stefan, Anisia, Melania, Seraphim, Julianna, Tatiana, Nina, and Benjamin.

If you would like to prepare a dish for this joint January Saints' Day celebration, please contact Matushka Tatiana Pavlenko at tpavlenko@hotmail.com

FEBRUARY 7 – Sisterhood Lunch

FEBRUARY 14 – Coffee Hour. Volunteers needed contact Matushka Tatiana Pavlenko at tpavlenko@hotmail.com

FEBRUARY 21 – Sisterhood Lunch

FEBRUARY 28 – Coffee Hour celebrating Saints Ina, Xenia, Maria, Olga, Eugene, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Gregory, Nicholas, Timothy, Aria, Nikita, Roman, Anna, Valentina, Theodora, Dimitry, Alexei, Zoya, and Kyrill.

If you would like to prepare a dish for this joint February Saints' Day celebration, please contact Matushka Tatiana Pavlenko at tpavlenko@hotmail.com

PELMENI-MAKING SESSIONS

JANUARY 28 AND FEBRUARY 18

If you can help, come to the Church Hall anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call Luba Gauschildt for more information. 650-591-1605



Ninety-three-year-old Constantine Constantinovich Senchukoff (center), who joined the Burlingame Church Choir in 1975, enjoys the post-concert reception with Bishop Theodosius and Choir Director Andrei Roudenko.

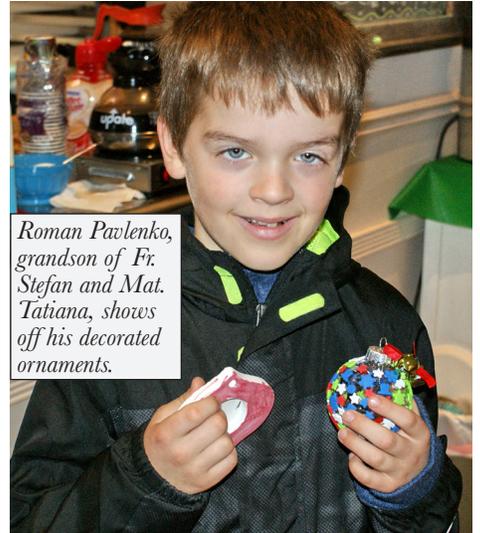
GINGERBREAD FAIRE

December 13th, 2015

Zoe Andruha decides which candy should decorate the roof line.



Roman Pawlenko, grandson of Fr. Stefan and Mat. Tatiana, shows off his decorated ornaments.



Timothy Loboda gets compliments for a job well done from his older sister, Anastasia, and mother, Vera.

Heavy rain and strong winds did not hamper the great time that was had by all at the Gingerbread Faire on December 13. Twenty-eight of our Parish children gathered in our Church hall to decorate gingerbread houses and make Christmas ornaments. The Sisterhood had a table of Russian crafts available for purchase, and the Russian School provided a delicious lunch of homemade pirogi and desserts. Thank you to all who participated in this much loved annual event.

Father Anatoli Didenko helps his sons, Nikolai and Ivan, with their houses.

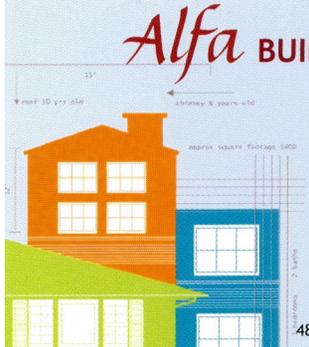


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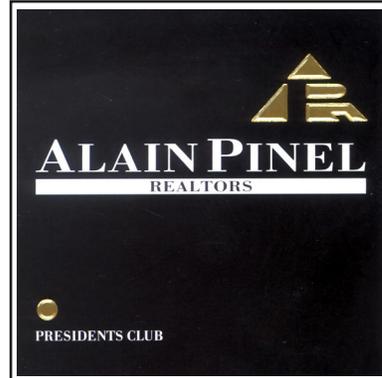
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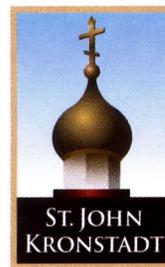
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