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## CHURCH OF ALL RUSSIAN SAINTS NEWSLETTER

Церковь Всехъ Святыхъ въ Земль Россійской Прославшихъ

### MESSAGE FROM ARCHPRIEST STEFAN, RECTOR

In a thoughtful conversation with a person seeking solace in a troubling world, I shared some thoughts that I think would be of interest to fellow Orthodox Christians.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk says, “Much effort and labor is needed for a man to be changed and to be the good tree that brings forth good fruit. Strive, then, for nothing else but to change, renew, and correct yourself. And pray for this...”

Spiritual life in Orthodoxy is not about achieving some high emotions. Based on the Holy Scriptures, the Patristic interpretations, and Holy Tradition, we know that Orthodox spirituality is expressed through prayer, worship, and Sacraments. This spirituality grows through hardships. “... for narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matthew 7:14)

When starting out on the path to spiritual growth, “...the deadly poison of anger has to be utterly rooted out from the innermost corners of our soul. For as long as anger remains in our hearts, and blinds with its hurtful darkness the eye of the soul, we can neither acquire right judgment and discretion, nor gain the insight which springs from an honest gaze, or

ripeness of counsel, nor can we be partakers of life, or retentive of righteousness, or even have the capacity for spiritual and true light.” “...for, says one, mine eye is disturbed by reason of anger.” (From Book 8 of the Institutes by Saint John Cassian.)

I certainly cannot claim to have put a dent into any of my many faults, shortcomings and sins. But reading such quotes from the Saints and Fathers of our Orthodox Church, are for me, the guiding light to at least face the right direction in the “Unseen Warfare” of which we are the warriors on the spiritual battlefield. If we see the demons as the ultimate true enemies, and our fellow humans as weak and wounded fellow Christian Soldiers, we are on the right path. May God guide us to Salvation.

It’s quite clear that every generation - from the Apostolic Fathers, who personally knew the Apostles, and the generation afterward, who knew the Holy Fathers who knew men who knew the Apostolic Fathers, and so on to our day - relied not only on the fact that these men were holy, but that **HOLINESS WAS ALSO IN THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH.** Christ is truly in the Eucharist. The Holy Spirit is truly in Chrismation and in all the Holy Sacraments, which purify our soul and our

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whole being (body, soul, and spirit). By knowing we have divine support, Orthodox Christians can face their own unique circumstances. May God Guide us!

What about our time in existence? According to some Holy Fathers, God gives us the time we are in because it is the best time for our particular SALVATION. Throughout Church History, each generation has been confronting problems and difficulties from within and from outside the Body of the Church. These problems give each generation an opportunity to rise up and become their best selves for their own salvation and the continuation of the Church on Earth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and He is leading us into the Eternal Church, the New Heaven and New Earth.

At various times, the Church was stronger or weaker than today, facing more or less difficult situations. But then, each generation produced individuals or groups who stood up to the trials and difficulties of their day. Probably the worst problems were Arianism, iconoclasm, and the Florentine Unia (Union). In Russia, it was the Old Believers split and the Living Church/Sergianism. Looking back at our years, we are not living in the best of times nor the worst of times for the Church. Our challenges are to bring us together to make sincere efforts in prayer, fasting and good deeds, comparable to our predecessors who lived up to the challenges which they faced during their time on this earth. We pray we are also able to live up to our own challenges.

“Fear not, God is with us” is a Biblical theme that we should never forget. ■



## THEOLOGICAL QUESTION

for Archpriest Stefan Pavlenko

### ARE THE FAITHFUL ABLE TO POSTPONE THE “END OF TIME”?

Although the Orthodox Church and the Faithful have been praying for peace to the world continuously for decades, these prayers seem to be of no avail. Horrific wars keep breaking out, morality is plunging, world-wide church attendance is dropping. And depression is rampant among all nationalities. What’s happening? Are these sorrows part of God’s plan?

The Scriptures tell us that God’s plan for the world is to save all people and bring them to a knowledge of the truth. Holy Apostle Saint Paul revealed this to us in Romans, 8:19-23: “For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.”

God created man to be in full communion with Him, but Adam and Eve’s disobedience led to sin, destruction, and death. God is Divinely Omniscient, understanding all things, including our innermost being. He knows the final outcome of everything, including our personal lives.

Free will is a gift that affects not only our lives but also the people and events around us. Our actions can be beneficial or detrimental and have both positive and negative consequences. The fall of mankind has led to wars, all manner of natural disasters, epidemics, diseases, famines, earthquakes, tidal waves, criminality, slavery, and every sinful depravity and suffering.

Without faith in God’s plan, these terrible circumstances would be unbearable. Many atheists blame God for these terrible circumstances, but they ignore the fact that it is mankind’s free will actions that cause these terrible events. God’s plan is for us to seek perfection by putting on Christ, loving Him and others, and participating in His sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. This allows us to become part of His Divinity and enter eternity by preparing us against

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depression and despair caused by fallen humankind's evil consequences.

The Holy Gospel and Biblical prophecies currently suggest that we are nearing the "End of Time" and anticipating the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Christ revealed these signs to His Apostles and to Saint John the Theologian, who wrote the Book of Revelation. This Book predicts wars, false prophets, moral decay, signs in the heavens, earthquakes, extreme weather, plus the Tribulation and the Antichrist. Many of these signs are already being fulfilled in our modern world with the pollution of the seas and the Earth's water supply. There are also unexpected environmental catastrophes, as well as wide-spread acceptance of radical corruption and pervasive depravity.

To prepare for these signs, Orthodox Christians should strengthen their resolve to live truly Christian lives with Christ, treasuring the Holy Spirit, praying, observing the fasts, attending church, partaking in Holy Sacraments, and vitalizing their faith with good deeds. By doing so, they will remain in the family of Christ and a member of His Saving Church, redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ.

Orthodox Christians, starting with the Apostles and continuing with the Apostolic Fathers through the centuries, have believed in the End Times. Archbishop Averky (Taushev), Abbott of Holy Trinity Monastery, emphasized that everything in the Bible will occur as revealed. As mankind falls further away from Biblical Truth and Christian Piety, these End Times draw nearer. If and when mankind repents, the End Times fade further into mankind's future. Nevertheless, the Book of Revelation reminds us that Jesus is coming soon. Hieromonk Seraphim (Rose) of blessed memory, cautioned all to be aware that "It is later than you think."

The closing words of the Book of Revelations give a sobering thought, "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." (Revelations 22:12-13) Revelations 22:20 concludes, "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly.' Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus."

COME LORD JESUS, INDEED! ■



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# SNEZHANA AND DOUG WILSON: A MARRIAGE OF TWO CULTURES

Ludmilla Bobroff



When a young Russian woman marries a young American man, one of their most difficult decisions is how to raise the children. Should their future sons and daughters learn Russian as their first language, or should it be English? Should they attend an Orthodox Church and celebrate Russian holidays? Or should they become Americanized quickly so the children can “fit in” at school. These were the type of questions Snezhana and Doug Wilson had to face when they met and married at the beginning of 2000.

Snezhana was born in Khabarovsk, Russia, located on the Amur River. The city was named after Yrofev Pavlovich Khabarovsk who was a famous Cossack of the Far East during the 17th century in Russia. Snezhana’s grandfather, Anatoly Alexandrovich Vorobyov, was a Siberian Cossack born before the Russian Revolution. When Snezhana was a little girl, he would tell her about the Great Patriotic War (Eastern Front of

World War II) and taught her many Cossack songs.

During the girl’s secondary school years, Snezhana took classes in music, piano and singing, before enrolling at the Khabarovsk Institute of Arts and Cultures. She also got married and gave birth to a baby boy, naming him Roman. When her marriage fell apart, she decided to emigrate with her son to the U.S. to see what kind of life it offered.

Mother and son arrived in the United States in 1996. To support both Roman and her family in Russia, Snezhana found a job at a private school, first in Belmont, then Foster City as a teacher’s assistant, specializing in music.

One weekend, she and friends attended a big Hawaiian Nights event at the Decathlon Club. There, Snezhana met Doug Wilson, who worked at Rabbit Office Automation, selling office equipment. The company was eventually bought by Xerox. Doug grew up in Union City, California and his family’s heritage is Polish, Belarusian, and German. He remembers his mother’s delicious borscht, pirogi, and stuffed cabbage.

Snezhana impressed Doug immediately with her high energy and her interest in everything. “She was so genuine and lots of fun,” he says. “We dated for two years before I proposed marriage to her on a bridge in Foster City.”

Their wedding took place at Thomas Fogarty Winery on Skyline Boulevard in Woodside with an officiant reciting the marriage vows.

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A reception followed with friends and family toasting the couple. For their honeymoon, the newlyweds flew to Khabarovsk to meet her family. The parents joyously greeted the newlyweds and presented the groom with a shuba (a heavy winter coat) and a typical Russian fur hat. Plus, of course, vodka and caviar were served.

Once they returned to the U.S. and started their married life, three sons were born - Sasha, Danila, and Andrey. Snezhana made an important decision. Only Russian would be spoken at home! "I agreed with her decision," says Doug. "My responsibility was supporting the family to the best of my ability. Zhana's responsibility was to raise the boys the best way she knew how. I never did learn Russian myself, but, of course, the boys and I communicated all the time."

To keep the Russian language and traditions alive, Snezhana often invited Russian-speaking mothers, fathers, and children to their house for lunch and dinner. Before the guests started eating, however, all the children had to say a poem or sing a Cossack song.

From these casual get-togethers, the Sivka Burka Children's Choir was created. Snezhana named the group after a magical horse that appeared in a Russian fairy tale. A total of 15 children performed in the first choir, ranging in age from 2 to 6 years old. Vladimir Riazantsev helped Snezhana choreograph the dance numbers to make them more polished. Snezhana herself taught the children how to sing the Cossack songs. Their first performance in 2005 was at the Russian Center's Day of the Russian Child. The choir was a big hit.

After Snezhana's mother, Vera Anatolyevna, and her stepfather, Victor Grigorievich, emigrated to the U.S. in 2009, Snezhana received help with the choir. The mother sewed costumes for the little singers and dancers, while the stepfather, a retired pilot with Aeroflot Airlines, drove the boys to rehearsals and to school.

For 15 years, the Sivka Burka Children's Choir performed at various events and church halls. Although the group experienced lots of turnover, it was the Covid pandemic that eventually halted their performances. "I always knew our performing days were numbered," says Snezhana.

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*In this family photo are, left to right, Danila, Doug, grandfather Victor Grigorievich, Sasha, and grandmother Vera Anatolyevna. In the front row are Roman with their Borzoï dog and Andrey on the bicycle.*

“We rode a wonderful wave but eventually, it had to stop.”

Their youngest son, Andrey, now a senior at Woodside High School, says he misses the choir. “Performing gave me an opportunity to see my friends. Memorizing the words to the songs helped my memory. And I no longer have stage fright as I once did,” he explains.

As for the other sons, after graduating from UC Santa Barbara and attending the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Roman, now age 35, found a job in Moscow in the finance department of an American bank. The bank eventually closed so he is currently traveling around the world.

Sasha, 22 years old, is studying at a University in St. Petersburg while Danila, age 20, is attending the Higher School of Economics in Moscow. Andrey, 17, is in his last year at Woodside High School with plans to major in engineering in college.

Although Snezhana’s sons have grown up, can the Children’s Choir be revived? Snezhana doubts it very much. “There are two reasons,” she says. “First of all, children are much too fascinated with electronics to perform. And secondly, they are no longer

disciplined enough to repeat again and again the words to songs and the dance steps taught at rehearsals.”

She is not giving up, however. Joining with Natalia Sabelnik, Matushka Marina Kaplanova, and Natalia Lytneva, the ladies have organized a literary historical club for young people in order to have thematic meetings dedicated to Russian epics and Cossack songs.

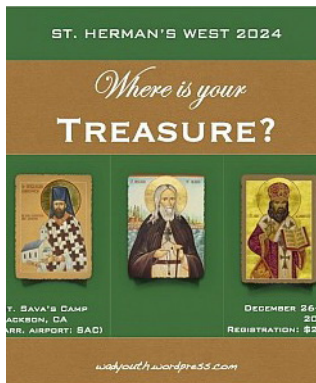
Snezhana and Doug Wilson have attended the Church of All Russian Saints for two years now. In January 2024, Doug was baptized by Father Stefan into the Russian Orthodox Church and named “John” in honor of Saint John of Shanghai and San Francisco. The next day, Father Stefan married the happy couple in a traditional church wedding ceremony. ■



*The day after his baptism, Doug and Snezhana were married by Father Stefan at the Church of All Russian Saints.*

# SPONSORING OUR YOUTH TO ATTEND SAINT HERMAN'S WEST CONFERENCE

Dimitry Bobroff



The 18th Annual Saint Herman's West Youth Conference (ROCOR) will be held at Saint Sava Camp in Jackson, California from Thursday, December 26, 2024 through Monday, December 30, 2024. See <https://wadyouth.wordpress.com/>

The Conference is for young people with ages from 15 through 21. Registration is \$250 per person with a deadline of December 1. After December 1, if there are spaces left, there will be a \$25 late registration fee.

It is a great opportunity for Orthodox youth to spend time together in a spiritual and fun environment.

The Conference theme is "Where is your Treasure?" and will include an edifying lecture, discussions with clergy, liturgical workshops, a hierarchal liturgy, and social interaction in the beautiful outdoors. Also included will be a tour of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Jackson, where the recently glorified holy relics of St. Sebastian are located.

The Saint Herman's Conference started 18 years ago, and, due to high demand, quickly grew into three regional Conferences: West, East, and Midwest. The Conferences are held near the feast of St. Herman of Alaska, which is the same day as Western Christmas.

To encourage our parish youth to attend, the Church of All Russian Saints Parish Council has voted to reimburse the registration fee of \$250 to each approved attendee.

In order to be reimbursed, the following requirements need to be met:

1. Attendance at our Burlingame church services
2. Confirmation of approved registration for the Conference <https://forms.gle/tqXiyPrXB5HLnNk86>
3. 100-word essay covering "Why I want to attend the Conference"
4. A picture of yourself (a selfie will be fine)

Please submit items 2, 3, and 4, along with your name, street address, email address, and cell phone number to Parish Council member Dimitry Bobroff at [jbobroff@aol.com](mailto:jbobroff@aol.com). Dimitry will submit the information to Archpriest Stefan Pavlenko for final approval of reimbursement.

To get a perspective of the Saint Herman Conferences, read what our parishioner, Allison De Vincenzi, had to say about the Conferences she attended as a young adult volunteer:

A REPORT ON THE 2017 YOUTH CONFERENCE Allison DeVincenzi

<https://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/files/Newsletter/Newsletter-Archives/March-April-2018-FINAL.pdf>

ATTENDING THE 2018 ST. HERMAN'S YOUTH CONFERENCE Allison De Vincenzi

<https://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/files/Newsletter/Newsletter-Archives/March-April-2019-FINAL.pdf>

The idea of Saint Herman Conferences for youth in the United States expanded to include ROCOR Orthodox Youth Conferences for young people from all over the world at other times of the year.

Read our own parishioner's (Elizaveta Gavrilova) account of attending the 2024 ALL-DIASPORA ORTHODOX YOUTH CONFERENCE in Stuttgart, Germany.

<https://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/files/Newsletter/Newsletter-Archives/SEPTOCT2024-FINAL.pdf>

# OUR RUSSIAN SCHOOL VISITS FORT ROSS

Margarita Herzen

A Russian proverb states, “Strike the iron while it is hot!” That’s what we did during the first month of our Russian School’s academic year. Scarcely had lessons begun when we were given the opportunity to participate on October 5 and 6 in the “Family Camp” program at Fort Ross State Historic Park in Northern California. With Father Stefan’s blessing, teachers, parents, and students banded together to make the pilgrimage happen.

Fort Ross is a historical settlement located on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, a few miles north of the Russian River and the town of Jenner. In 1812, members of the Russian American



*Twenty-seven adults and children visited Fort Ross in October for an overnight stay.*

Company from Alaska settled in the area with the hope of producing food for their cohorts in the North and capturing sea otters in the region for their fur. The land where they settled in California was then fortified, cultivated, and shared with the Native Americans from 1812 to 1842. An Orthodox Chapel was built inside the Fort and a cemetery was created a short distance away.

A total of 27 people from our Russian School signed up to go on the pilgrimage. Four were students from our Russian school, one was a guest child, four were older teenage siblings, and 18 were mothers, fathers, and teachers, who volunteered to be the car drivers and the cooks.

We were met at the fort by Robin Joy Wellman, former coordinator of the Family Camp program, and Hank Burnbaum, the current coordinator of the educational programs. Robin is especially close to our group. Upon her retirement from Fort Ross, she was baptized into the Russian Orthodox Church with the name “Innokentia”.

With Innokentia’s and Hank’s able interpretation of the history of Fort Ross, our students were guided to live and dress the roles of Russian colonists working as guardsmen, fishermen,

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*Greeting our Russian School warmly is Robin Joy Wellman, better known by her Orthodox name, Innokentia.*





*Nic Rudman and Kolya Generalov pour water into the cauldron for heating*

buckwheat kasha, assorted breads, fresh butter and a delicious pumpkin pudding with Russian tea cookies.

The last outing of our pilgrimage was a morning hike to the cemetery in homage to the bravery and faith of these early pioneers. We hope to make this excursion an annual event with many more students and parents of the Burlingame Church Russian School participating. ■

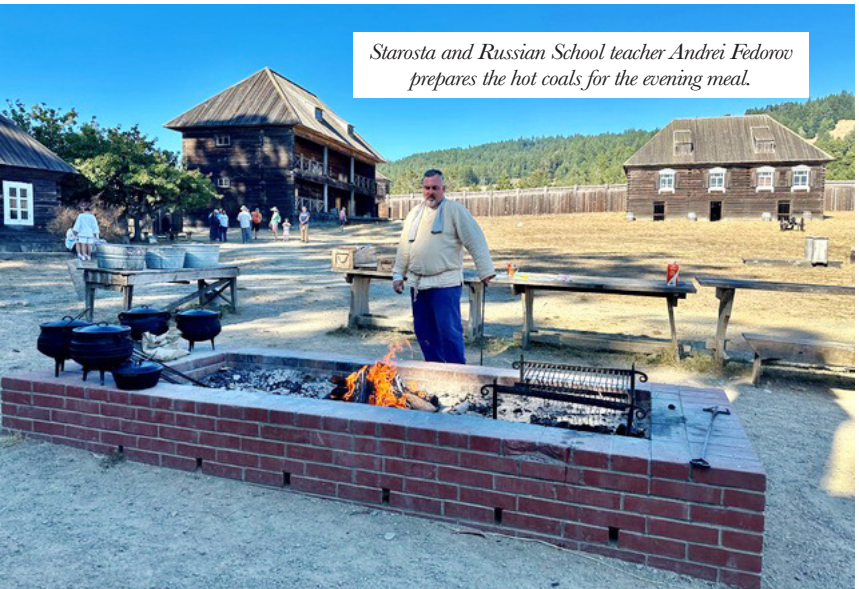


*Listening to Hank Birnbaum's talk about trade in the General Store are (standing) Snejana Zorko, Sasha Zorko, Ksenia Generalova, and her aunt, Alexandra. Seated are Nic Rudman and Kolya Generalov. All are wearing Russian attire.*

craftsmen, and cooks. The students tried their hand at fishing, making baskets and crafts, chopping wood, cooking, churning butter, and sleeping outdoors. At night, songs were sung by the firepit, which attracted an audience of curious raccoons.

The moments that gripped our hearts, however, were the following: raising the Russian-American Company flag; welcoming words spoken by students, Milana Chebatar, Kolya Generalov, Nic Rudman, Sasha Zorko, and Andrei Lytnev; attending with battery-operated candles evening and Sunday morning prayers in the Chapel; and lowering the flag at the closing.

We want to salute all the parents, teachers, and Innokentia who prepared dinner and breakfast in advance to feed our group. The meals included a hearty borscht, piroshki, pelmeni,



*Starosta and Russian School teacher Andrei Fedorov prepares the hot coals for the evening meal.*

# CHARITIES WHICH NEED OUR HELP

Dimitry Bobroff

We are constantly inundated by numerous organizations asking for donations to their causes. These requests arrive via US postal mail, by email, by solicitors standing in front of stores, and by people knocking on our front doors. Even plate collections in church are slated for specific needs. Requests for donations seem endless!

While we live in a relatively well-off society in the U.S., a large percentage of people, domestically and internationally, live in very poor and unfortunate conditions. It is up to us, as Orthodox Christians, to donate generously to charities which need our help.

Here are three worthwhile organizations that deserve your charitable consideration:



## 1. St. John Benevolent Fund.

Website: <https://stjohnbenevolentfund.org/our-work-causes>

To donate: <https://stjohnbenevolentfund.org/take-action>

The Mission of the Fund is to uphold the legacy of St. John (Maximovich) of Shanghai and San Francisco and provide assistance to orphans, disabled and destitute children, and indigent elderly.

St. John's love towards children was demonstrated early by his founding of the Orphanage of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk in Shanghai, China. The orphanage provided refuge to hundreds of

children in its fifteen-year existence in China. When the Orphanage was re-established in San Francisco in 1951, it continued to bring comfort, education and guidance to the immigrated children who arrived in the U.S.

As these children grew up, they joined their benefactors and continued St. John's mission to care for the needy through the established Fund which St. John blessed in 1951.

The Fund's current charitable causes are:

Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine – “With your generous contribution, help has been provided to thousands of displaced families and people with no means in Kyiv and other regions. Thank you for your support!” Peace to You Foundation, Kyiv, Ukraine.

Shelters for the Elderly and Disabled in Ukraine – “Your donations paid for much needed repairs of the facilities. The Sisterhood is so grateful!” Matushka Galina, Head of the Sisterhood of St. Juliana Olshanskaya, Kyiv, Ukraine.

Bethany School for Girls in West Bank, Palestine – “An open school is a sign of stability that is absolutely necessary for these children in the midst of the war storming the Middle East. The donations always come at the right time. We are grateful for your love and continuous support!” Mother Maria, Bethany School Principal.

Orphans & Destitute Children in Africa - St. John Mission in Uganda, Father Silouan Brown.

(2 Corinthians 9:6-8) “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”.

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struggling missions all over the globe. Through this service, we give comfort to many and help strengthen our growing Church, particularly in struggling countries. Examples are: Ukraine, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Bali, and Palestine.

To learn more in detail, please visit their website and sign up for their excellent and informative periodic newsletter.

(Matthew 6:2) “Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you they have their reward.”

## 2. Fund for Assistance to ROCOR.

Website: <https://www.fundforassistance.org/>

To donate: <https://www.fundforassistance.org/donate>

Newsletter: <https://www.fundforassistance.org/files/newsletters/Summer-Newsletter-2024.pdf>

The Mission of the Fund is to support the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia in these areas: the moral-spiritual education of youth, aid to its clergy, and distribution of emergency relief to its missions.

### Serving our Youth:

To serve our Youth, the future of our Church, we provide funding to organizations that aim to build a global community of spiritually focused youth. Its mission is to attract new youth to the Church, deepen the spiritual life of the youth already connected to the Church, and/or create events that bring our global youth together to share and deepen their faith.

### Supporting our Clergy:

Our clergy give their all to us and in turn, as part of our mission, we are obligated to provide financial relief to them when needed. This allows our clergy to continue serving in their holy calling without extreme financial burdens, and be more available to their flock.

### Providing emergency relief:

When an emergency strikes, we are called to provide relief to those in need, especially our



## 3. Holy Trinity Seminary (Founded in 1948 in Jordanville, New York)

Website: <https://www.hts.edu/>

To donate: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E359932&id=3>

Our own Archpriest Stefan Pavlenko is a graduate of the Seminary, Class of 1971.

The Mission of Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary is to serve the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia by preparing students for service to the Church. Students are trained to become clergy, monastics, choir directors and cantors, iconographers, and lay leaders, all ready to serve the Church upon graduation.

As the only seminary within the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, the Seminary opens

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its doors annually to applicants not only from the United States but also from abroad, thereby serving its mission to serve parishes in all corners of the world. Many members of ROCOR are now primarily English-speaking, and the English language has gained prominence as an international language. Therefore, Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary has risen to meet this need of our Church by offering instruction in English to English-speaking Seminarians. The Russian language also continues to be taught at HTS.

The Seminary emphasizes the importance of the spiritual life in theological education. Active participation in the life of the Monastery (Holy Trinity Monastery), on whose premises the seminary is located, allows students to experience firsthand the spiritual depth of the Orthodox Church and gives future clergy the rare opportunity of gaining a thorough foundation in and experience of the Orthodox liturgical

life. The Seminary strives to preserve the high scholarly standards, teaching, and traditions of the Russian Orthodox Church.

(Matthew 6:3-5) “But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”

There are certainly many other organizations which need our financial help. Donate often and donate generously!!! A few examples are:

- Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem - <http://missionrocor.ru/en>
- ROCOR Synodal Building Restoration Fund - <https://www.synod.com/restoration2.html>
- Holy Cross Monastery in West Virginia - <https://www.holycross.org/> ■

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**LIVESTREAM SERVICES**

For those who are homebound, hospitalized or unable to attend Church Services at the Church of All Russian Saints in Burlingame, we have enabled live video streaming via the Internet.

Live, as well as previously recorded Church Services are available at

YouTube channel:

<http://bit.ly/burlingamechannel>

Alternatively, the link to the Church Services is also available on the church website at:

<http://www.allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/>



## A SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE!

Thanks to the many hardworking volunteers, the generous donors and the enthusiastic shoppers, our fall rummage sale beat our expectations. The two day event brought in over \$4,000.

This endeavor required many hours of work and dedication.  
Thank you ALL for your support.



## UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER + DECEMBER

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

SOUP AND SANDWICHES PREPARED BY THE SISTERHOOD

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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# CHOIR LUNCH



*Below: Choir Director Irina Shachneva thanks her singers for their dedication.*



*Above: Father Stefan at the head table also thanked the many singers who never missed a service.*



*Above: The Church Hall was filled with many people.*



*Right: Members of the Sisterhood prepared a delicious meal for the choir members, their families, guests, and Church Council Members.*

# REMEMBERING LARISSA KRASSOVSKY (1928-2024)



*Above: Larissa never missed an opportunity to have lunch with Marina Plissak and Nina Petrovna Medovshikova. Larissa asked to have her memorial meal ("pominki") in the church hall.*



*Above: When her son, Archimandrite Roman, Chief of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission of the Russian Church Abroad in Jerusalem, served Divine Liturgy in Burlingame, Larissa would beam with pride.*

*Below: Larissa had many friends including Konstantin Senchukoff, who sang for many years in the choir before his repose.*



*Above Serving at Larissa's Funeral Service were His Eminence Kyrill, Archbishop of San Francisco and Western America, as well as Bishop James and Bishop Theodosy.*

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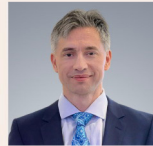
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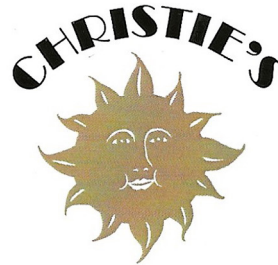
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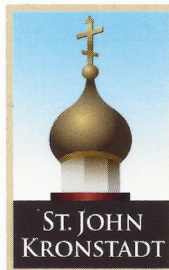
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