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MESSAGE FROM FATHER STEFAN

“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much” Luke 16:10

This year the wonderful American holiday, Thanksgiving, falls on Thursday, November 28th (Nov. 15th on Julian Calendar) which is the first day of the Nativity Fast. The Russian Orthodox Church Abroad does not issue a dispensation to break the Nativity Fast on this day, but we can still celebrate the holiday by attending the Thanksgiving Te Deum (moleben) that is always served on this day at our Church and many others.

Russian Orthodox Christians are taught to always thank God for the many blessings that we receive by His mercy. The fact that we all live in this country of material abundance, general safety and the freedom to attend Church services of our own faith, is indeed reason to praise and thank God. It is not a reason to abandon or break our Church Rules and customs. I call all our faithful to attend church on Thanksgiving Day and with love and piety begin the Nativity Fasting season on this day.

It's understandable and acceptable that families who have non-Orthodox members would make accommodation to attend the home of non-Orthodox in the spirit of hospitality. However, be careful not to offend your non-Orthodox friends and relatives while fasting. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner has many side dishes that make it

possible to eat properly, but if none are available, choose the least non-Lenten dishes on the table (menia skoromniye bliuda).

While the first day of any fasting period is always stricter than the following days, it is possible to have a pleasant Lenten meal on November 28th in deference to this God-pleasing legal holiday of our adopted country. If missing a turkey dinner is just too difficult, I suggest planning a traditional feast on one of the non-fasting days before the beginning of the Nativity Fast. Our Sisterhood makes a wonderful traditional Thanksgiving dinner after Divine Liturgy on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Then that evening or possibly Monday or Tuesday, enjoy a feast with your family.

Keeping our Orthodox Christian fasting rules is important to our spiritual life and the preservation of our religious identity in the face of growing secularization and anti-religious sentiments. As Orthodox Christians we should not be ashamed or afraid of witnessing our faith to the surrounding community. Remember the words of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 10:32. Also, “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.” Luke 16:10

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At the present time, many innocent Christians around the world are being tested for their faith. If we are not able to witness our faith in the simple matter of keeping our appointed Church Fasts, how can we expect to have the courage and strength to witness our faith if it is truly put to the test by anti-Christian fanatics?

I wish everyone a pleasant Thanksgiving. May we all enter the Nativity Fast with joy and thanksgiving as we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord.

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The website has the current issue, as well as all past issues.

THE BURLINGAME YEARS OF ARCHIMANDRITE ROMAN KRASSOVSKY

- Ludmilla Bobroff



Larissa Krassovsky with her son Archimandrite Roman

On the first Sunday of September, Misha Krassovsky, now known as Archimandrite Roman, returned to the Burlingame Church to serve Divine Liturgy with Father Stefan. This time, however, he served not as an altar boy, not as a seminary student, not simply as a monk, but as the Chief of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission of the Russian Church Abroad in Jerusalem. Beaming with pride during Liturgy was his mother, Larissa Krassovsky, as well as long-time parishioners who remembered Father Roman as a little boy, trying hard to keep up with his three older brothers.

Born in San Mateo in 1959, Misha was the youngest of four sons born to Larissa and Vadim Vladimirovich Krassovsky. The boys were named Vladimir, Eugene, Alexander and Michael (Misha). The parents were close to

Vladyka Ioann. The future St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco blessed their marriage in Tubabao and was a frequent guest at their house in Burlingame.

As the four brothers were growing up, they marveled at the energy and dedication their parents exhibited toward the Church, the Parish Russian School, and the Russian Scouts. With time, all four were drawn into the organizations themselves.

“When I was six years old, Vladyka Ioann saw me standing with my mother in church and invited me into the altar,” remembers Archimandrite Roman. “He gave me a stihar to wear (altar boy robe), and asked me to hold his staff. I have been in the altar ever since.

“Our childhood revolved completely

around the Church and the Russian community. There was never a question of not attending services. We always prayed at home. Our father was strict. He may have yelled at us, but I'm thankful for his reprimands. As for school, I was more concerned about bringing home good grades from Russian School than from McKinley School or Burlingame High School. Because of Russian School, we didn't participate in any sports programs."

While a number of priests served the Burlingame Parish over the years, the one who influenced Misha the most was Protopresbyter Father Nikolai Masich. He was rector during the construction of the five domed parish edifice we know today. Archimandrite Roman remembers Vladyka Ioann blessing the domes and the crosses in 1963 when the church was completed.

"The repose of Father Nikolai Masich affected me greatly," said Archimandrite Roman. "He was like a grandfather to me and played a big role in my life. For several years afterwards, we had temporary priests who served only a short time. Consequently, sixteen dedicated altar boys took over various duties. We became a family, building the cathedra which is brought out when the bishop serves. We sewed the curtain behind the Royal Doors, built frames for icons and made prosphora. We paid for these additions with donations given to us by communicants."

After graduating from Burlingame High School in 1977, Misha attended College of San Mateo for several years and

considered various careers. Nothing appealed to him. In 1979, he took over his older brother's position as choir conductor of the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Russian School at the Cathedral in San Francisco. The youth choir sang during early liturgies on Sundays. Then in 1981 at age 22, he enrolled in Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, New York, graduating three years later.

"As a gift, my parents sent me on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land," continues Archimandrite Roman. "Afterward, I spent three weeks at Mt. Athos. That's when I decided to become a monk and remain at the seminary."

For 30 years, Fr. Roman took on many obediences - working in the seminary office, running the cemetery, teaching classes, and conducting the monastery

choir. On April 20, 2013, His Eminence Archbishop Mark of Berlin and Germany elevated Hieromonk Roman to the dignity of Archimandrite during Divine Liturgy at Holy Ascension Convent Cathedral on the Mount of Olives. His new obedience was to administrate, protect and oversee our clergy and properties, guide the monastics and pilgrims in Jerusalem, and work together with Archimandrite Isidor, the Mission Chief from the Moscow Patriarchate.

Today, in Jerusalem, Archimandrite Roman leads a completely different life. "I deal with people of different mentalities and nationalities," he says. "It helps that I'm located in the Holy Land. The spiritual life is energizing. I'm a short walk from the place of the Ascension of Our Lord and just fifteen minutes away from the burial site of the Mother of God. The prayers of Bishop St. John continue to sustain not only me but our whole family"

What happened to the other brothers? Vladimir Krassovsky is an iconographer and head choir director of the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco. Evgeny Krassovsky is an ascetic monk in seclusion. Fr. Alexander Krassovsky is the rector of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Santa Rosa. Their father, Vadim Vladimirovich, reposed in November 1988 at the age of 76. Their mother, Larissa Krassovsky, is a volunteer extraordinaire, working with great enthusiasm not only in the Burlingame Church but in Santa Rosa and San Francisco as well.

Truly, Bishop St. John has blessed this family.



Dressed in their St. George Pathfinders uniforms are the Krassovsky family: (l to r) Evgeny, Larissa, Vadim Vladimirovich and Vladimir. (Second row, l to r) Misha and Alexander.

BAPTISED

AUGUST

Andrei Martinov
Simon Burak
Nina Koltzova-Rang

SEPTEMBER

Roan Anatoli Delehanty
Daniel Troshin
Yunona Troshin
Dennis Grimkov

MARRIED

There were no Marriages
in the Months of August
and September

REPOSED IN THE LORD

AUGUST

Yulia Medlenova

SEPTEMBER

Nikolai Wilson

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

MEET THE NEW TREASURER - ALEXEI BARANOFF

At its regular meeting on September 19, 2013, the Parish Council of the Church of All Russian Saints confirmed Alexei Baranoff as our new treasurer, replacing Shura Ossipoff who is retiring from the position.

Although Alexei was born and raised in Bryte, California (now known as West Sacramento), he spent a lot of time in the San Francisco Bay Area visiting his grandparents who lived in the Richmond District. He also attended summer camps organized by St. George Pathfinders.



Alexei works for Con-Quest Contractors, Inc, a General Engineering Construction firm based in San Francisco. It performs major construction work throughout the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. He has been Project Manager in the Heavy Industrial Sector for the last five years.

Since moving to San Francisco in 2008, Alexei has attended the Burlingame Church. He married Anastasia Kotar in July 2011. She is the daughter of Fr. Alexei and Matushka Natalia Kotar of Seattle, Washington. Fr. Alexei is rector of St. Nicholas Cathedral in Seattle. Right from the start, the young couple became active in our Church. Anastasia sings in the choir. Alexei was elected to the Parish Council.

“I was always raised to help and participate in church,” says Alexei. “Besides, I can’t sing like my wife. I had to do something to pull my weight.” During weekends, the young couple like to entertain friends and Alexei enjoys playing golf. But there is little free time for him. Alexei has been the Church’s project manager for the renovation of the large cupola last year and is now the project manager for the repair of the four small cupolas. Please welcome Alexei Baranoff (or Alyosha by his nickname).

THEOLOGICAL QUESTION FOR FATHER STEFAN

DOES THE ORTHODOX CHURCH APPROVE OF CREMATION?

ANSWER

-Protoierei Stefan Pavlenko

Two of our many Christian duties and responsibilities are to properly bury our Orthodox relatives and to make sure the poor are buried in a dignified manner. The question then arises, can Orthodox Christians be cremated and if not, what are the burial options?

For the past two thousand years, the usual form of burial for Orthodox Christians has been either interment, which is burial directly into the ground, or entombment, which consists of placing the dead in a mausoleum. Both methods are acceptable. When a person dies, the soul leaves the body and stands before God who created it. Meanwhile, the body is buried in the earth and after decomposing returns to the earth. ("Earth thou art and unto the earth shall thou return!") At the Last Dread Judgment, everyone will be resurrected. Our souls will return to our regenerated bodies and we will stand before God and all of mankind to be judged according to our deeds.

OUR BODY IS A TEMPLE

When we are born, special prayers are said for us and our birth mother. On the eighth day, more prayers are said and we are assigned our Christian name. On the 40th day, we are Churched. On the day we're Christened, our body is anointed with oil, Baptised and Chrismated. Throughout our life, we are blessed with holy oil and holy water. Most importantly, we receive the True Body and True Blood of Our Lord as sacred food for our body and our spirit during the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

Because our bodies are sanctified throughout our lifetime, Apostle Paul tells us we should be aware that our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We should respect and keep our bodies pure and holy. Religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, paganism, and atheism consider the spirit to be good but material things to be evil. Therefore, they reject the importance and sanctity of the physical body and condone cremation.

BURIALS MENTIONED IN SCRIPTURE

Many burials are mentioned in the Old and New Testaments. The supreme examples are Holy Lazarus being raised from the dead on the fourth day and Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself being entombed - not cremated - before His Resurrection. The Holy Relics of the Saints are also examples of the sanctity of our remains (ostanki).

What happens if an Orthodox Christian is cremated? In such a case, no services are appointed at the time of death nor during cremation (no panihidas or otpivanye). However, after the 40th day, a commemorative panihida service can be served and commemorations may begin during the Divine Liturgy as for any reposed Orthodox Christian. Take a look at this informative 18-minutes video on cremation: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHo74iNd5Q4>

(If you wish to submit a theological question for Father Stefan's consideration to be answered in the next issue of the Church Newsletter, please email it to stefanvpavlenko@msn.com)

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

- *Dimitry Bobroff*

In 2007, Mila and I attended a lecture given by Bishop Kallistos Ware at the Greek Orthodox Annunciation Cathedral in Oakland, California. Upon entering the hall, we encountered a number of hosts wearing large badges stating “My Name is So-and-So. I am a Steward of the Annunciation Cathedral.” This was the first time I heard the term used outside of stewards on ships and airplanes. Being curious, I asked what it meant? The host answered, “Each one of us is given by God certain talents to provide materially for our well-being as well as to share with others. As such, it is our responsibility to take care of our church, our spiritual family home, both financially and with our talents.” He wore his badge with pride (in the good sense) and with honor.

In 2011, I attended the Western American Diocesan Assembly at the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco. Father Alexander Krassovsky gave a report on the Stewardship Program at his St. Peter and Paul Church in Santa Rosa. He explained how the program helped to develop a real community spirit among the diverse cultural backgrounds of his parishioners and how it vastly improved the material well-being of the parish. At that meeting, Father Stefan and I discussed his exciting report and decided to bring it up at our next Parish Council meeting.

In the past, the parishioners of the Burlingame Church were very homogeneous, consisting of White Russians who immigrated to California either from the Far East or Europe. After leaving Russia, they were eager to preserve their heritage and culture by building churches and community organizations.

At the present time, our parishioners are diverse - old Russian immigrants, newly-arrived Russian immigrants, native-born American converts to Orthodoxy, Orthodox from various countries, mixed marriages, children who no longer speak Russian, etc.

Since we launched the Stewardship Program in April

2012, I believe the program has been responsible for unifying the parishioners and developing a spiritual community in our parish. In addition, the increased financial gifting has allowed us to decrease our monthly operating deficit and allowed us to pursue expensive projects such as badly needed repairs of the large cupola last year and the current repair of the four smaller cupolas. Unfortunately, we have learned that the hidden damage to these small cupolas is much more extensive than we anticipated, resulting in much higher repair costs.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has responded to our appeal to become a Steward.

2013 STEWARDS

Anastasia and Alexei Baranoff
Ludmilla and Dimitry Bobroff
Olga and Warren Cane
Katherine (Kolenko) and Brian Ching
Alexei Fomitchev
Luba Gaushieldt
Pelagia and William Gilchrist
Elena (Gousseva) and Dallas Grove
Irina and Alexei Irklienko
Mara and Alex Klestoff
Lana and Vladimir Kondrasheff
Patricia and Nikita Korens
Nicholas Koretsky
Larissa Krassovsky
Sonia and Peter Loukianoff
Xenia and Andrew Maximow
George Misersky
Natalia Mishko
Ivan Musil
Yulia and Grigory Novikov
Lula and Alexander Ossipoff
Olga and Boris Parr
Matushka Tatiana and Father Stefan Pavlenko
Evelina and Lamont Phemister
Vera Polskaya



Damage to the cupolas is greater than expected.

We encourage you to sign up to be a Steward for the remaining months of 2013, and to renew your pledge for 2014 in January. If you can't afford to pledge a financial amount, please fill out the Stewardship Form if you can share some of your talents such as singing in the choir, baking proshporas, joining the Sisterhood, making pelmeni, helping at fund-raising events, teaching at the church school, doing electric work, plumbing, painting, general handyman, etc.

The financial pledges help us plan our budget for the year and hopefully will allow us to develop a balanced budget for 2014.

2013 STEWARDS

Ioanna and Roman Ponomarev
 Marina and Andrei Roudenko
 Sonja and Nick Shevelyov
 Anastasia Sky
 Maria Sky
 Valentina Tolstoguzeva
 Yulia Voroninskaya
 Helen and James Wiant

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Kolya Koretsky scrapes paint off the rental property garage.

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Jean Voytan with goddaughter



Tonsured Mother Tatiana

REMEMBERING JEAN VOYTAN (MOTHER TATIANA)

- Olga Parr

On September 2, 2013, Mother Tatiana, known to many of us as Jean Voytan, departed this life in the small town of Viritsa, 40 miles from St. Petersburg, Russia. She had been tonsured a rassaphore nun several years ago and given the name Tatiana by a priest in the Moscow Patriarchate who later became a bishop. Viritsa, where she is buried, is famous for Saint Seraphim of Viritsa (1866-1949), a monastic who spent the last twenty years of his life praying, consoling pilgrims, working miracles and foretelling the future. Saint Seraphim is buried at the Holy Virgin of Kazan Church in Viritsa. Perhaps, it was the saint who drew Jean to this village.

I remember Jean as a deeply religious friend, wife, mother, and teacher of non-Russian-speaking children in the Burlingame Russian School. She was born in San Francisco on

December 9, 1932 to Pierce and Nan Rogers, an Anglican Protestant family. Her father was a soldier, then a lawyer with a degree from Harvard University. Nan Rogers was a teacher. Jean had a happy childhood, taking ballet lessons, attending the World's Fair in 1939-40 and working in a doll factory. Her family moved to the Peninsula in 1950. From an early age, Jean was drawn to Russian music. She would run to the radio if a Russian composition was playing, having no idea who was the composer. She gave her dolls and stuffed animals Russian names. She wanted to study Russian at Stanford University but her father refused to pay her tuition if she picked that major. Only after his death did her mother allow her to follow this interest. However, Jean never finished Stanford due to an accidental head injury that curtailed her studies. It took years of classes at various colleges before she received her degree and credential.

Meanwhile, she met Charles Voytan Sr., who was in the military. The two married and lived in Japan, Wake

Island, and Europe while Charles pursued his military career.

In 1960, they moved to Burlingame and Charles Jr. (known as Vasya) was born. While Charles Sr. continued serving overseas for some time, Jean taught English as a Second Language in Millbrae. She also met Catherine Gray who was a parishioner in our Church. Catherine introduced Jean to Orthodoxy, took her to Church, and helped her with her Russian. A few years later, Jean was baptized into the Orthodox Church and Catherine Gray became her godmother. Both Charles Sr. and Vasya became Orthodox at a later date. There is an icon of St. Catherine on the right side of the Church near the door going downstairs. It was commissioned by Jean and gifted to the Church.

I became Jean's friend when our boys attended Russian School together. To help students who did not speak Russian, Jean applied her ESL skills (English as a Second Language) to help them learn. She created games, such as picture bingo with children identifying her illustrations in Russian. She was a good artist and painted an icon for me.

Our conversations were never mundane. We talked about Orthodoxy in Ancient Russia, as well as Irish missionaries and their influence on Russian Christianity. Jean was a phenomenal researcher who revisited the Holy Grail legend. She concluded that the Holy Grail was simply a metaphor for Holy Liturgy, a treasure passed on to us. She also studied languages and

found similarities between remote languages and common ones. Jean traveled to Russia many times with Catherine Gray, with ladies in our parish and on her own, realizing her dream of immersing herself in the language, culture and religion of that country. Preparing kulichi and pascha became a tradition with her and Patricia Gray, Catherine's relative. When Vasya signed up for the two-week Russian Scout Camp, she volunteered - two summers in a row - to cook for over 100 people, alongside Mila Assur and Larissa Krassovsky. Impressed with her new friend, Mila asked Jean to become the godmother of her youngest son.

Those carefree days came to an end when Charles Sr. became very ill. Jean hired a visitor from Russia named Vladimir to take care of him. After Charles died, she continued working until her health began failing. Her old head injury started acting up. Many of her friends, who were her support group, passed away or moved elsewhere. Nevertheless, she continued to travel to Russia with Vladimir's help, often staying at a monastery for an extended time. Most likely, she was planning the next phase of her life.

In July 2013, she left Burlingame for the last time. On August 28, the Feast of Dormition of the Holy Theotokos, Mother Tatiana suffered a stroke. On September 2, her heart stopped. She was 81 years old. Her earthly journey to the land which she loved since childhood was completed. She is buried in Viritsa. I loved her very much. God rest her soul.

NEWS FROM THE SISTERHOOD

- *Matushka Tanya Pavlenko*

CHILDREN'S CRAFT FAIR

It was wonderful to see the happy, excited faces of children from our parish and other churches, participating in the Second Annual Children's Craft Fair. Organized by Xenia Maximow, the event provided craft material for children to decorate cookies, create woodland animal masks, and make paper butterflies. Older children and some parents sewed little matryoshka dolls and stuffed them with organic wool. Everyone enjoyed hamburgers with all the fixings, grilled by Oleg Bolshakoff. Proceeds from this event went to the Cupola Restoration Fund.

FATHER STEFAN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The following Sunday on September 29, we celebrated Father Stefan's 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Archbishop Kyrill and Bishop Theodosy served Divine Liturgy. Other guests included local clergy, as well as Father Boris Henderson from Denver, Colorado, Father Andrei Sommer from Manhattan, New York City, and Father Stefan's goddaughter, Xenia Drobot, from upstate New York. The Sisterhood prepared a festive lunch with the help of Daniel Dubinsky, who barbecued authentic and delicious shashlik. The Sisterhood also presented Father Stefan with the gift of a new laptop computer. Thank you, everyone, who helped and participated in these two events.

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WANTED: PROSPHORA BAKERS

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Larissa Krassovsky, chairwoman for many years of our annual rummage sale, did it again! On Oct. 26 & 27, she and her helpers conducted a successful sale of used clothing, household goods, books, jewelry, and decorative items. Thank you, Larissa and ladies, for all your hard work.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For many years Maria Ivanovna Miserskaya took it upon herself to change the church vestments to the proper color for the Holy Day or season. After Maria Ivanovna passed away, Pavel Roudenko enthusiastically accepted this responsibility. Now, Pavel's work and school obligations have increased. He is having a difficult time keeping up with his commitment. We need a volunteer (or two) to take on this job. Pavel is willing to help out whenever the new volunteer has scheduling problems. Please contact Matushka Tatiana Pavlenko at (650) 430-9806 or tpavlenko@hotmail.com for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 10 - Luncheon

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving

Turkey Lunch

Dec. 8 - Gingerbread

Workshop for Children

Dec. 15 - Luncheon featuring
fish kotleti

Pelmeni-Making Days

Nov. 14 and Dec. 12

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

Do you like to bake? Father Stefan is looking for volunteers to help him bake proshpora twice a month in the Church kitchen. He would like to train a group of men and women in the art of preparing the dough, kneading it, forming it into proper shapes, then baking nine trays of proshpora.

His helpers, so far, have been Larissa Krassovskaya, Svetlana Taran, Yuliya Voroninskaya, Andrei Maximow and Matushka Tanya. Even little Millie Maximow has helped with great enthusiasm. One time, Lyubov Vladimirovna Vinokurova, wife of the former Consul General of the Russian Federation, lent a hand.

The baking sessions are usually held on Friday mornings, twice a month, starting at 7 a.m. Around 9 a.m., the three five-pound bags of flour are transformed into plump buns and placed on trays. Between 2 and 2:30 p.m., the job is completed. If a Liturgy is scheduled on a Friday, baking day is moved to Tuesdays. Before major Holy Days such as Pascha and the Nativity, baking may take place two weeks in a row. In short, the more volunteers sign up, the better the chance Father Stefan won't be baking alone.

"I would like to be able to count on two people helping me at all baking sessions," says Father Stefan. "I will be demonstrating how to make proshpora on Friday, November 8th, starting at 8 a.m. If that is not convenient for the majority of helpers, I can start at 9 a.m. Working the dough (raskladka) will take place at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m."

Since baking proshpora is a holy act, women should not be menstruating, nor should married couples have marital relations the prior night.

If you are interested in joining this baking team, please contact Father Stefan at stefanvpavlenko@msn.com or telephone him at (650) 430-9805. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

- *Protoierei Stefan Pavlenko*

The 40th anniversary of my ordination into the priesthood is a day I will never forget. I would like to thank His Eminence Archbishop Kyrill, His Grace Bishop Theodosy and the Synod of Bishops of our Russian Orthodox Church Abroad for honoring me with the Order of the Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God, Third Class. I pray that in the future, the Lord will make me worthy of such an award!

I thank His Eminence Archbishop Kyrill and His Grace Bishop Theodosy for celebrating Divine Liturgy and attending the luncheon afterwards.

I thank Protodeacon Sergei Shoosmiloff for his support and co-celebration of the services.

I thank the Parish Council, the Sisterhood and the Church Choir for the organization and wonderful execution of this event, as well as their thoughtful gifts.

I thank our Parishioners, Stewards and the faithful for their love and support. Your generous gift is much appreciated.

I especially thank my talented and dear wife Matushka Tatiana and all the members of my immediate family: Alexei, Stephanie, and Roman; Xenia, Andrei, Anthony, Melania and Stefan; Olga, Andrei and Elena.

My thanks also go to the clergy who attended the service and co-celebrated the Divine Liturgy: V. Rev. Archpriest Andrei Sommer (who grew up in Burlingame and married Tatiana's niece, Natalia); V. Rev. Archpriest Alexei Kotar, dean of our Diocese in the Northwest and V. Rev. Archpriest Boris Henderson, rector of the Church of All Russian Saints in Denver.

Other clergy who attended the service and/or joined us for the banquet were: V. Rev. Archimandrite Iriney Steenberg; V. Rev. Archpriest Peter Perekrestov of the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco; Rev. Priest Dimitri Jakimowicz of St. Herman Church in Sunnysvale; Rev. Priest Daniel Reese of Saint Silouan Orthodox Church in Walla Walla, Washington; Rev. Deacon Andrei Garine of the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco.

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FATHER STEFAN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY INTO THE PRIESTHOOD

Sunday, September 29, 2013



Fr. Stefan receives the Order of the Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God, Third Class from Archbishop Kyrill. Bishop Theodosy also served during the Divine Liturgy.





Father Stefan greets guests



Lana Kondrasheff and Tanya Ionoff serve lunch



Archimandrite Iriney gives a speech



Guests enjoy the singing of 11-year-old Liza Nadelson



From left; Andrei, Elena and Olga Schafranek; Matushka Tania, Father Stefan, Roman, Stephanie and Alexei Pavlenko; Melania, Xenia, Andrei and Stefan Maximow

2ND ANNUAL KIDS CRAFT FAIR

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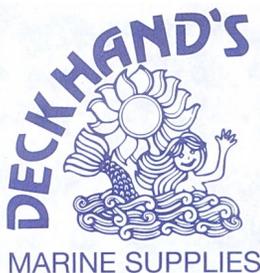
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