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Mitred Protopriest Stefan Pavlenko (second from right) was one of five invited clergymen from the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia to travel with the miracle-working Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother God to cities and towns in Russia. Here, the delegation takes a group photo in the snow with local Russians.

A MESSAGE FROM RUSSIA

Our Mitred Protopriest Stefan Pavlenko has been traveling in Russia during the month of October with a group of invited clergy from the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia. Besides Father Stefan, the delegation consisted of His Grace Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan, Protopriest Vladimir Boikov from the Diocese of Australia and New Zealand, Priest James Carles of the Australia and New Zealand Diocese, and Protodeacon Alexander Kichakov of the Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America. Their obedience was to bring the miracle-working Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God “of the Sign” to the Orthodox faithful living in Yekaterinburg, Kamensk Ural, Nijnii Tagil, and Ufa.

Transporting the Holy Icon from church to church, the delegation was warmly welcomed at all locations. Churches were packed during the Greeting Service, as well as the appointed Matins, the Vigil and the Divine Liturgy. The faithful even stood in long lines in the snow, waiting to venerate the icon of the Mother of God. When the icon departed, parishioners embraced the clergy with tears in their eyes.

During a press conference in Yekaterinburg, Father Stefan explained why the icon means so much to him personally. “I was about ten years old. My father was gravely ill with stomach problems. Forgive my frankness, but coming from his mouth was a terrible putrid odor. He suffered great pains, and so we asked that the Kursk-Root icon be brought to visit him.

“This isn’t unusual in the Russian diaspora. If here we see hundreds of thousands of people approach the icon and only spend a few seconds kissing it, abroad the icon is often brought to people’s homes for blessing. So our family asked a priest to bring the icon to the hospital. The priest came to the hospital room with the icon and placed it directly on the abdomen of my father during a moleben. I prayed, and when I recited the words, “Thy will be done...” I thought about how terrible his sickness was, and that maybe Divine Providence would soon relieve him of his pain.

“So, of course, I burst into tears. The next day, the surgical team consisted of a Catholic, a Jew and a Protestant – a rare combination of confessions. The surgeons warned us not to entertain hope for a successful operation. They were only opening him up to see the extent of his sickness. But when they cut him open, the doctors discovered that the previously afflicted organs were like new, like those of a child, only covered by some sort of thin film that they needed to remove. The operation lasted a few hours after which my father survived another 20 years. So that is our own family miracle.”

During their month-long visit, the clergy arose between 5 and 6 a.m. and went to bed exhausted at 11 p.m. Nevertheless, Father Stefan wrote in emails, “I’m very exhilarated and joyous.”



Standing left to right are Priest James Carles, Protopriest Stefan Pavlenko, His Eminence Metropolitan Kirill of Yekaterinburg, His Grace Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan, Protopriest Vladimir Boikov, and Protodeacon Alexander Kichakov.



Father Vladimir Boikov (left) and Father Stefan with the Kursk-Root Icon.



The faithful had to stand in long lines to venerate the Kursk-Root Icon.

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BELOVED CHURCH MATRIARCH REPOSES AT AGE 103

- Mila Assur



Galina Vasilievna Destin

On August 29th in the early morning hours, the final breath of our Church's last surviving founding member was drawn and a long chapter of our history closed. Galina Vasilievna Lisina-Destin, "Tyotia Galia," as she was lovingly known by many of us, departed to join the heavenly choir. Family and friends all gathered for the burial service held in the Church she so dearly loved.

So much of her history is interwoven in the fabric of the history of our Parish and much is known of her deep involvement in Church life. It seems appropriate to share a little about the rest of Galina Vasilievna's life. Long before she was a wheelchair bound, dependant senior citizen, Galina Vasilievna was a vibrant, energetic, fun loving wife, mother, sister, and daughter with many friends and relatives, all of whom were familiar with her culinary prowess and warm welcoming home.

Galina Vasilievna Sovina was born in Russia in 1912 and as a small child, escaped to Harbin, China with her mother and older sister. There, she attended gymnasia and dental school and in 1931, married Vladimir Ivanovich Lisin. By this time, her mother, step-father and sister were already in the United States and in 1936, as a family of three which included son, Alexander, the Lisins immigrated to San Francisco to join the others.

Galina had sung in a church choir since age eleven, so she quickly joined the choir at the Old Cathedral on Fulton Street under the

baton of V.S. Luksha. Mr. Luksha also directed a Russian folk choir which performed at the Russian Center and other venues. Galina sang with that group as well. She also played volleyball, acted in Russian plays and was involved in the Russian community. She found time to participate in all these activities as well as run her household, work as a dental assistant for sister, Mila, and raise her son. Alexander recalls that she kept him on a tether – short enough to be under her watchful eye, but long enough to allow him to experience life in a new country and learn from his surroundings.

After moving to Redwood City in 1943, Galina continued to work as a dental assistant, while her husband, Volodia, worked for Westinghouse. Galina and Volodia started folk dancing, a love they passed on to Alexander and his wife, Pat. They continued to go camping and play sports with their many Russian friends. Then in 1964, Volodia died of cancer – and another founding member of the Church departed this life.

In 1973, Galina married Leo Destin, a widower and family friend of many years. By this time, she had retired from dental assisting and started working at Stanford Library. She crafted at Little House in Palo Alto and learned to make ornaments and decorated eggs, many of which were sold at Church bazaars. She became a widow again in 1989.

Galina loved to cook and always had a laden table for any family and friend gathering. Her carrot piroshkis were especially welcome during fasts! She passed along Russian traditions to her grandchildren - Kathryn, Susan, Cheryl and Mark - and taught them an appreciation for their heritage.

My aunt's gift to me was a love of God and Church and to follow her example of being a true Orthodox Christian woman. Memory Eternal, dearest Tyotia Galia.



Niece Mila Assur from Oregon and Galina Destin on an outing

MY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

- Lyudmila Afanasieva

Before starting my summer pilgrimage to the Holy Land in July, I experienced mixed feelings. On the one hand, I looked forward with excitement to see and pray at many of the Holy Sites where Our Lord Jesus Christ and his Apostles walked and preached. On the other hand, I felt fear and trepidation that the Lord would find me unworthy to touch and be present at His Holy Shrines.

Two other worries also weighed heavily on me. Should I leave my father who, doctors said, had only two more months to live. Furthermore, severe headaches often slowed me down. Would I be able to keep up with the group if they occurred? When I asked Father Stefan Pavlenko for his advice regarding my concerns, our strict, intelligent and wise priest, said, "You must go anyway."

On Friday, July 24, 2015, our group of thirty-six pilgrims arrived in Jerusalem, led by His Grace Bishop Theodosius of Seattle, Vicar Bishop of the Diocese of San Francisco and Western America, and Archpriest Paul Volmensky, rector of Holy Ascension Church in Sacramento. Traveling with me were my daughter, Xenia, and grandchildren, Liza, age 12, and David, age 11, as well as Burlingame parishioner, Nadezhda Domasich. The heat in Jerusalem was stifling – 111 degrees Fahrenheit. No sooner were we transported to our hotel on the Mount of Olives by Nun Suzanne, Father Paul took us for a walk to see a wonderful panorama of Old Jerusalem: the Golden Gate where Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem, Mount Zion – site of the Last Supper, and the Church of Mary Magdalene.

The stifling heat was quickly forgotten as our hearts filled with joy and pride to learn that several of the Holy Sites we would be visiting belonged to our mission. In the late 19th century, the chief of mission was Archimandrite Antonin Kapustin who purchased a great deal of land in Palestine to preserve the Holy Sites for Russian pilgrims. These sites included the Tomb of Lazarus and Meeting Place of the Lord with Martha and Mary, the Mount of Olives Ascension Convent, the Skete of Saint Hariton, and the Convent of Saint Mary Magdalene on the slope of the Mount of Olives in the Garden of Gethsemane

Our pilgrimage officially began the next day with Divine Liturgy at the Holy Ascension Church located at the Mount



Standing with His Grace Bishop Theodosius are, left to right, Lyudmila's daughter Xenia and grandchildren Liza and David

of Olives Convent. Next, we followed our leaders along the Way of the Cross which led to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Golgotha and Our Lord's Tomb are located. We were struck by the abundance of tourists from Russia. They looked gray and motley with no priests or pastors to guide them. These Russian orphans were led by Russian-speaking local guides who interpreted our Orthodox shrines in their own way. Our group instinctively huddled closer to Father Paul and Nun Suzanne.

Archimandrite Roman Krassovsky, current chief of mission of Jerusalem and youngest son of our parishioner, Larissa Krassovsky, invited us to a reception with His Holiness Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem. That night, we returned to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for the Night Liturgy, officiated by His Grace Bishop Theodosius, together with the Greek clergy and Father Paul. Though the grandchildren were very tired from such a long day, David pulled me up the stairs to Golgotha to show me the skull of Adam depicted on the bottom of the Cross. The children also enjoyed the sweets and treats provided by the Greeks after the service.

The next morning, our bus transported us to the Church of St. George in Lydda near the town of Jaffa. For my grandchildren, it was a great discovery to see with their own eyes what they had learned in Russian School during their Law of God

oral examination conducted by Bishop Theodosius. David insisted on buying an icon of Saint George and having it immediately blessed.

Again we started early the following day. Our attendance at the Tomb of the Mother of God was required at 6 a.m. with Divine Liturgy served. Following Greek tradition, we women were pushed to the back wall and could only partake of the Holy Communion after the men received the Holy Gifts. I was hoping no one noticed I was taking photos when suddenly a Greek monk rushed toward me and handed me a plate to collect burnt-out candles. With the camera in one hand and the plate in another, I became flustered. I knew I wasn't supposed to walk around the church. My fellow pilgrims chuckled. Fortunately, I found David in the crowd and pleaded for help. He took the plate and I sighed with relief. To my amazement, the photos turned out well.

Across the street from the Tomb of the Mother of God was the Church of Saint Archdeacon Stephen, the first martyr. There, we prayed for Father Stefan Pavlenko, whom we knew was fervently praying for us. Then in Jericho, we climbed the Mount of Temptation to the Greek Holy Ascension Monastery where Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil. We saw the sycamore fig tree, which Holy Tradition says was climbed by Zacchaeus. To my delight, the grandchildren remembered the Scriptural reading.

On July 29, we drove to Galilee to visit Nazareth and Cana where Our Lord transformed water into wine. We overnighted in a luxury hotel on the Sea of Galilee. The evening was spent bathing in the lake, then sitting in a circle and talking with our clergy until midnight. On our minds was the Jordan River which awaited us the next day.

That experience was one of the highlights of the pilgrimage. Clothed in white robes, we immersed ourselves in the sacred waters of the Jordan River. A feeling of joy and rebirth swept over us as we lovingly congratulated one another. This was followed by a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. My grandson proudly raised the Russian flag while the Russian anthem played.

On July 31, we visited Lazarus' Tomb in Bethany. Next to the

Tomb stands a school for girls, as well as an orphanage, run by a thin, energetic nun named Martha. The school enrolls 350 Arab girls from disadvantaged families. After completing their education, some girls remain in Orthodox monasteries. Nun Martha, however, must constantly battle various factions of Palestinians who want to take over the school. They are constantly encroaching onto the property. Nun Martha is feverishly collecting donations to build a gymnasium for the school to stop the Palestinians from taking over more of the property.

If you can help, please send your donations to the Western American Diocese, 598 15th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118. In the memo, designate that the money should go to the Bethany Orphan School Fund.

Our pilgrimage included many more soul stirring sites which space does not permit me to describe in detail. We attended Liturgy in Bethlehem with the "Smiling" Mother of God icon, visited Jacob's Well where a Samaritan woman gave water to Our Lord Jesus Christ, and climbed a cliff to enter the Skete of Saint Chariton. Currently, Monk Chariton lives there with his dog.

Our final festive Liturgy was in the Church of Mary Magdalene, where the relics of Holy Martyr Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Nun Varvara are located. Officiating were His Eminence Archbishop Mark of Berlin, Germany and Great Britain Diocese, His Grace Bishop Theodosius, Archimandrite Roman, and Father Paul. Also present were Abbess

Elizabeth, the nuns, and guests. Many of the clergy attended our Farewell Dinner that night at the hotel where we presented gifts and thanked everyone for their warm hospitality.

We flew home via Greece, enlightened and supremely joyful. With God's Grace and Father Stefan's prayers, my headaches have subsided, and I learned upon returning home that my father's health has stabilized. To this day, my thoughts keep returning to the Holy Land, especially the Bethany Orphan School where Nun Martha continues her never ending battle to save the school and the orphanage.



Nadezhda Domasich (left) and Lyudmila Afanasieva at the Jordan River

DEVOTED SISTERS SHARE A LOVE FOR OUR CHURCH

- Ludmilla Bobroff



Sisters Marina Plissak (left) and Nina Baratoff

The Church of All Russian Saints is blessed with having a dedicated group of parishioners who have spent their adult lives helping the Church grow and prosper. Marina Plissak and Nina Baratoff are two of those long-time parishioners. The two sisters were born in Mukden, Manchuria to Dmitri Oshurkoff and Lydia Kormiltzeff, originally from Ekaterinburg, Russia. Both sets of grandparents owned gold mines in Russia and were very wealthy. When the Russian Revolution started, their father, Dmitri, joined the White Army which was eventually evacuated to Manchuria. Being an excellent musician, he earned a living composing music, giving lessons, and playing in an orchestra and at silent movies.

After marrying in Manchuria, Dmitri and Lydia had three daughters - Nina, born in 1938, Marina in 1935, and an older sister, Irina, who reposed four years ago. When the Chinese Communists started advancing in the country, the Oshurkoff family was evacuated to Tubabao, Philippines where they spent two years living in tents with 5000 other Russians, awaiting visas to countries that would accept them. The future Saint John of Shanghai and San Francisco was their spiritual leader in camp and later in San Francisco. He was loving but strict. The sisters remember how he would gently turn the cross away from women who wore lipstick when they came up to the Cross or the Chalice. "To this day, I always wipe off my lipstick before kissing the Cross," admits Nina.

In 1950, the Oshurkoff family was given permission to immigrate to the United States. On a beautiful November day, they sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge, excited about the new life that awaited them. The girls threw coins overboard for good luck.

Nina was enrolled in Everett Junior High School, Marina in Lowell High School. Upon receiving her high school diploma, Marina attended San Francisco City College and worked in a real estate office, first as a clerk, then as a switchboard operator. The sisters loved to dance and took lessons at Svetlanova Ballet School. Performing at the Russian Center and other venues, they became part of a large Russian émigré community.

Soon, Marina met George Plissak, who just completed his tour of duty as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division serving in the Korean conflict. He, too, was born in China and evacuated to Tubabao. They married in the Old Cathedral and with the help of the G.I. Bill, the young couple bought a house in Burlingame half a block from Carmelita Avenue, the first location of the Burlingame Church. Their son, Alexander, was born in 1956. Marina remembers how the ever-memorable Vadim Vladimirovich Krassovsky, reposed husband of Larissa Krassovsky, collected pledges year after year to build the church we have today.

During those early years, Marina's favorite priest was Protopriest Nikolai Masich. She recalls, "If you didn't attend church services for a while, he would appear at your house and say, 'Is everything O.K.? Let's pray and have some tea.'"

After their son, Sasha, started school, Marina went to work in the real estate office started by her husband. Life was good. Their son attended Russian School and was active in Scouts. When he grew up, he served in the U.S. Air Force before joining his parents in the real estate office.

Then, tragedy struck the family. In 1994, George Plissak had a massive heart attack and departed this life at age 62. As a widow, Marina turned to the church even more for spiritual support. To this day, she attends almost all the services and volunteers her free time. She wraps the prosphora in plastic

baggies and is the treasurer of the Society of Russian Nobility, which sends packages to orphanages in Russia and the Ukraine. Her son, Sasha, married Dana Liberдова from the Czech Republic and they have three sons, Alex, age 12, and twins Emil and George, 10.

Youngest sister Nina also graduated from Lowell High School and attended San Francisco City College. Her first love, however, was ballet. Besides performing with the Svetlanova Ballet School, she danced the role of the Dying Swan on Ben Alexander's Amateur Hour, which was a popular television program in the 1950s. Her parents were so excited about Nina's TV appearance they bought their first black and white television set to watch her perform.

Nina also performed with Natasha Borisova and her troupe of dancers in the movie, "The Party," starring Peter Sellers. "It took three weeks to film our part in the comedy, but the pay was very good," Nina remembers. She also performed one year with the Oakland Ballet Company.

Nina met her future husband, Oleg Baratoff, at a Sokol Hall benefit lunch. He was the bartender, she was a helper in the kitchen. At the end of their first date at Senor Pico's in Ghirardelli Square, Nina knew he was the man she wanted to marry. He felt the same way. They married in the Burlingame Church in 1971. Their daughter, also named Nina, was baptized here in 1972.

Nina, however, was active in the Burlingame Russian School long before marriage and motherhood. From 1963 to 1982, she wrote and directed her own original plays for Yolka every January in celebration of the Nativity and, of course, Father Frost (Ded Moroz). All 60 students, who attended the Russian School, had roles and eagerly learned how to sing, dance, and act on stage. The Yolkas were held at the Burlingame Women's Club on a real stage in a large hall, drawing many family members and guests. "I have many wonderful memories of those years," she says.

Nina transmitted her love for ballet to her daughter. At three years of age, the little girl already showed great potential to become a ballerina. While still a child, she performed with the San Francisco Ballet Company and the Sacramento Ballet Company. At age 17, she was offered a scholarship to study at the Bolshoi Ballet School in Russia but turned it down to finish her senior year in high school. Upon graduation, she was hired by the Sacramento Ballet Company where she danced major roles for many years.

Nina, Oleg and young Nina moved to Sacramento in 1984 after Oleg took disability retirement from FMC Corporation. He was employed there for many years as a precision sheet metal worker. Sadly, in 1997, he reposed. Nina continues working for Alta California Regional Center – and teaches ballet at the Deane Dance Center, run by Barbara Crockett who co-founded the Sacramento Ballet Company.

Today, daughter Nina owns and teaches students at a dance studio in Pacifica called the California Youth Ballet. Her two daughters, Masha, 15, and Sofia, 9, both dance. A year ago, Nina married her dance partner, Gregory Amato, with whom she danced 20 years ago at the Sacramento Ballet Company. Gregory has joined his new wife, teaching at the California Youth Ballet.

Despite the long drive from Sacramento, the mother Nina comes often to Burlingame. "While I attend Holy Ascension Church in Sacramento and adore Father Paul Volmensky, Burlingame is my home church where I have many memories and friends," she says. "I try to come here as often as possible with my sister and granddaughters."

BAPTISED

AUGUST 2015

Anna Klevchuk
Ekaterina Kuzekina
Maria Mishenkina
Alan Nakhbo
Daniel Nakhbo
Nikoliana Titiyevskiy
Valerie Zaderei

SEPTEMBER 2015

Angelina Beatty
Albert Kalin
Sylan McAleavey
Stefan Novikov
Lydia Tigner
Anton Tsybmbala

MARRIED

AUGUST 2015

None

SEPTEMBER 2015

None

REPOSED IN THE LORD

AUGUST 2015

Galina V. Destin

SEPTEMBER 2015

Antonina Schishkow
Aleksei Shliapnikoff

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

THEOLOGICAL QUESTION FOR FATHER STEFAN

HOW CAN PARENTS (AND GRANDPARENTS) GIVE CHILDREN A LOVE FOR THE ORTHODOX CHURCH?

The most important responsibility for Orthodox Christian parents (and, for that matter, grandparents) is to raise their children to become responsible, believing Christian adults. The best way to do this is to live your lives in such a way that you become a true example of what you hope your child will become.

Remember that the greatest help to fulfill this huge responsibility comes from our One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Eastern Orthodox Church. She teaches us everything we must know to lead a God-pleasing life and directs us on the path to Eternal Salvation.

Parishioners often ask, "How can parents (or grandparents) give children a love for the Orthodox Church?" If we ignore home prayer and the home church, if we don't attend church regularly and don't participate in the rhythmic cycle of feasts and fasts, if we remain aloof of clergy and monastics, if we never read the Holy Scriptures, Lives of the Saints or the writings of the Holy Fathers of the Orthodox Church, we can be sure that short of a miracle our young ones will not have love for the Church, nor know anything about it. Forcing your children to pray, fast and attend services, however, can work counterproductively. When they come of age and make their own choices, they may decide to stop attending for a time or, sorrowfully, forever.

So what is the answer? Is there a sure way? First and foremost is our own fervent prayer for our children. The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony says, "The prayers of parents make firm the foundation of homes" We must have and express joyfully our love for Church, Church Services and Orthodox Christian Traditions. We must attend Church regularly and by our example show the importance of Church in our lives. When we ourselves are joyful participants in authentic Church Life, our children will develop a love and respect for the Orthodox Church. And if at some time in their lives, they may fall away, know that through your efforts they have a strong root in their heart which will eventually blossom and bring them, their children, and their grandchildren back to a firm foundation that will be their salvation.

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O Lord our God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Preserve the fullness of Thy Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house; glorify them in return by Thy divine power, and forsake us not who put our hope in Thee.

For Thine is the majesty, and Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

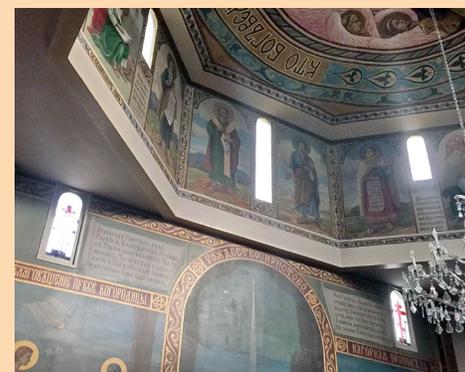
MEMORIAL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

- Dimitry Bobroff

Father Stefan's dream has been to replace the current seven plain windows in the cupola with stained glass windows as seen from inside the church. In addition, there are four windows below the cupola that also offer the possibility of being fitted with stained glass. His idea is to have individual parishioners donate the cost of a stained glass window in memory of a beloved departed one.

While the Parish Council has discussed this idea for the past three years, it took Marina Plissak to spur the council to action. Recently, she donated \$1,000 dollars in memory of her husband, George. Several council members are now researching stained glass windows and will be developing a plan to implement it.

Please consider following Marina's example and honor your beloved departed one with a memorial stained glass window.



Stained glass would beautify the windows in the cupola

NEWS FROM THE SISTERHOOD

Seven women from our Sisterhood volunteered to help the Holy Virgin Cathedral Sisterhood prepare and serve a variety of entrees at the pominki held on Oct. 6 after the burial of Protodeacon Nikolai Triantafillidis. Close to 300 people attended the pominki, including bishops, priests, deacons, and mourners from all over the United States and Australia. Ladies from our Church who helped out were Sonya Shoomiloff, Tanya Ionoff, Tanya Bolshakoff, Luba Gauschildt, Lena Gauschildt, Ira Shegoleff, Nina Eyvazov and Matushka Tatiana Pavlenko.

The Sisterhood has also been gifted with two beautiful new GE ovens, courtesy of the Atherton Appliance & Kitchens at 695 Veterans Blvd in Redwood City. Lula Ossipoff, wife of Shura Ossipoff, introduced our Church to Nicole Papageorge of Atherton Appliance who arranged the donation. The Sisterhood thanks Nicole for her store's generosity, Lula for the introduction, and Alik Shegoleff for his excellent carpentry in making the two ovens fit in the kitchen.



Two new GE ovens were donated to the Church by Atherton Appliance and Kitchens of Redwood City

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1

Welcome Home Lunch for Father Stefan

NOVEMBER 8

Fundraising Lunch prepared by the Society of Russian Nobility

NOVEMBER 22

Thanksgiving Lunch. All November Saintsday celebrants will be honored*

DECEMBER 13

Gingerbread Faire for Children. Light lunch prepared by the Parish Russian School

DECEMBER 20

The Sisterhood's famous Fish Cutlets Lunch. December Saintsday celebrants will be honored*

*Families are asked to share the cost of the cake. For information, call Matushka Tatiana Pavlenko at (650) 430-9806

PELMEI-MAKING SESSIONS

No session in November. Only on December 10

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

UPDATE ON STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

- *Dimitry Bobroff*

Thank you to all our Stewards who have donated to the 2015 Stewardship Fund. Their names will be listed in the January/February 2016 issue of the Church of All Russian Saints Newsletter.

Meanwhile, we are happy to report that Stewardship funds helped complete two important projects.

1. The rental house next door has new tenants, thanks to Alyosha Baranoff and Natasha Klestoff. Five bachelors vacated the house six months ago, leaving it in a disastrous state. It took Alyosha Baranoff six months to hire workers to paint walls,



upgrade the kitchen, install new floors and appliances, do a thorough cleaning, etc. Acting as a rental agent, Natasha Klestoff then listed the property and vetted all applicants. The new tenants moved in Oct. 1. Income from the rent helps pay for the church's many expenses.

2. The classroom doors on the north side of the church were wooden and flimsy, easy to break in. They were replaced in September with strong, steel doors.

Both of these expensive projects have greatly reduced our Stewardship Fund. Please consider becoming a Steward if you have not yet donated to the Stewardship Fund.

PRIESTS SUBSTITUTING FOR FR. STEFAN



Archpriest Andrei Sommer
Oct. 3/4



Father Dimitri Jakimowicz
Oct. 10/11



Archpriest Alexei Kotar
Oct. 17/18 and Oct. 24/25

SAINTS' DAY CELEBRANTS



Celebrating September Saints Ludmila, Sofia, and Alexander Nevsky are (left to right) Ludmilla Bobroff, Sonya Shoosmiloff and A.N. Miroshnichenko

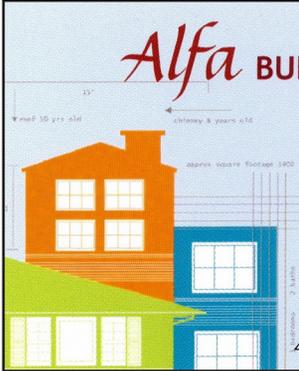


Celebrating October Saints Oleg, Alexei, Peter, Sergei and Luke are (left to right) Oleg Pafnutieff, Oleg Bolshakoff, Alyosha Pavlenko, Alex Klestoff, Protodeacon Sergei Shoosmiloff, Petya Klestoff and (in front) Luke Klestoff.

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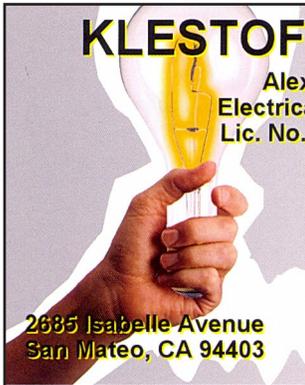
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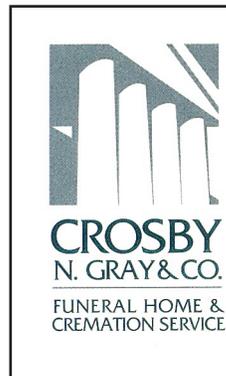
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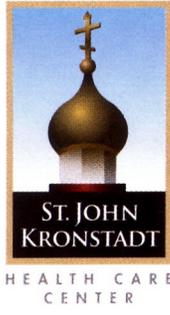
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