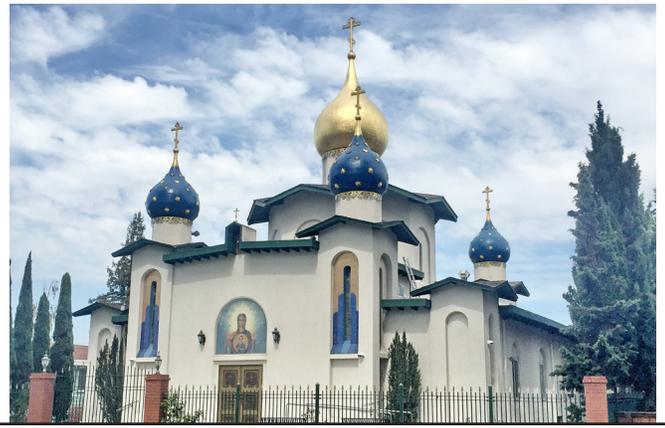




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CHURCH OF ALL RUSSIAN SAINTS NEWSLETTER

Церковь Всѣхъ Святыхъ въ Землѣ Россійской Просѣвшихъ

MESSAGE FROM ARCHPRIEST STEFAN, RECTOR

It's always better to be prepared to handle unexpected situations rather than being caught off guard. We should all have daily supplies of needed amounts of food and medication to cover us for extended periods of time in case it becomes impossible to go to stores or pharmacies. This is not to recommend hoarding; but to be conscious of our surroundings and developing trends.

We have all suffered the effects of COVID restrictions and related complications, so I won't go into details since we are all sadly aware of them. Along with material concerns, we also have spiritual and religious responsibilities to ourselves, our immediate families, our loved ones and neighbors.

During the long period of time when our church and other parish communities were closed down or severely restricted, many people got used to watching LIVESTREAM SERVICES. For shut-ins and people who are ill, this is understandable. But now that churches are open and many restrictions have been lifted, sadly, many parishioners are still not returning to church.

I strongly recommend that healthy, faithful Orthodox Christians make a sincere effort to attend church regularly and reap the spiritual fruits that can only be gathered in the Holy Temple at Divine and Grace-filled Services. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself reveals to us if two or three are gathered in His Name, He also will always be present.

Some people make a very sectarian and protestant claim, saying you can pray anytime and anyplace and certainly, you can and must do so. But it should not be to the EXCLUSION of Church attendance.

The Holy Scriptures reveal that Christ Himself attended both Temple and Synagogue services of the Ancient Hebrew Faith. So did the Apostles, who after the Glorious Resurrection of The Lord, preached in the Temple at Jerusalem and gathered together in the Upper Room awaiting the descent of The Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day! After the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, Christians formulated the church based on the setup of the Temple and gathered together as a spiritual family to share the Holy Eucharist with one another.

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During the most dreadful time of pagan persecutions of the Early Christian Church, the faithful gathered in the Catacombs and celebrated the Liturgy over the Holy Relics of the Martyrs. As time passed and direct persecutions abated, Orthodox Christians, along with their Bishops, Priests and Deacons, converted pagan temples into Churches and began to build Holy Edifices specifically for Church Services on the Christianized format of the Ancient Tabernacle and the Temple in Jerusalem and all the Christian Temples/Churches that treasured the Holy Relics of Martyrs and Saints.

This extremely important TRADITION of gathering together in a sanctified CHURCH BUILDING should not be ignored or berated in any way. We should all make an effort to gather together as a spiritual family in prayer and Christian Fellowship supporting each other and praying for each other, collecting for ourselves, our families and our fellow Orthodox Christians needed strengths of knowledge, mutual Love and understanding. We should always remember that GRACE is most readily acquired and treasured in communal gatherings through sacraments and prayer. ■

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/>

RENOVATING THE CHURCH CUPOLAS

Dimitry Bobroff

As the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Church of All Russian Saints approaches in 2022, we will be renovating the cupolas (domes).



Main Cupola: Although, at first glance, the gold dome looks OK, a closer look at the upper portion shows that the gold leaf has been worn away on both the dome and the cross - see Photo #1. My first thought was to just patch the bad spots with new gold leaf. However, by patching, it's impossible to duplicate the colors and the patched area will stand out. The Parish Council has decided to regild the whole dome, the cross, and the dome skirt with 24K gold leaf.

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gilding of the domes themselves will be done in situ. It is estimated that the whole project will take about a month. Hopefully we will just have sporadic rain that workers will be able to work around.

To renovate all five domes is very, very expensive (close to \$160K). It will take about 21 ounces of pure 24K gold leaf. Each gold leaf is about 3 inches by 3 inches square with 500 sheets of gold leaf per pack. We will need 72 packs which works out to 36,000 sheets of gold leaf.

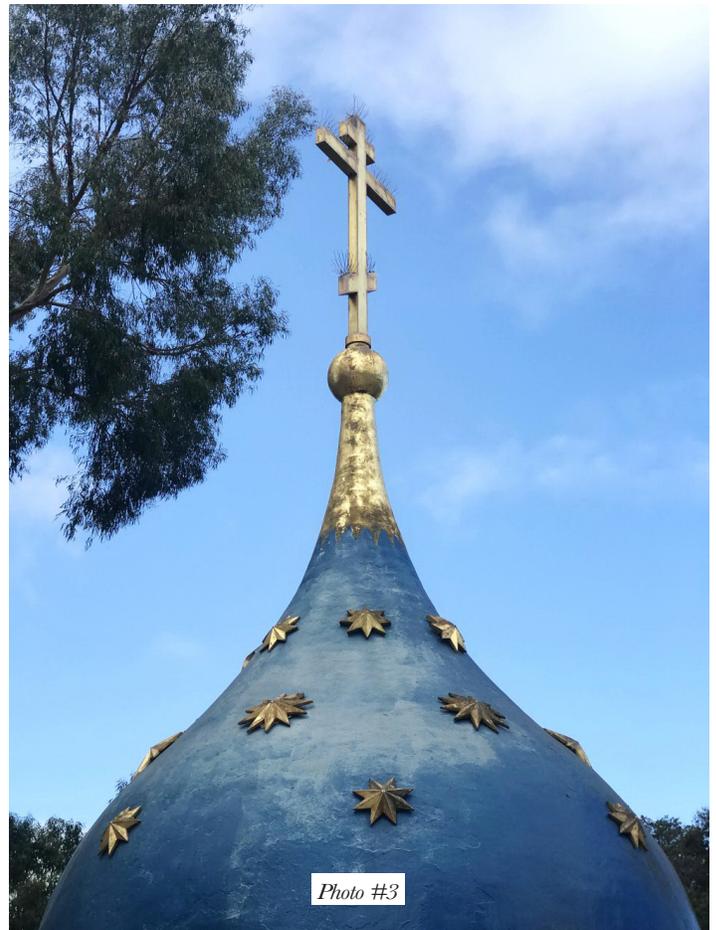
When I first told Father Stefan how expensive it was going to be, his answer was “We do this not for ourselves. We do it for God’s Glory and our next generations. With God for God’s Glory.”

The renovation cost is funded by the Stewardship Fund. Please consider making donations to this important project. You can donate either by check, or by clicking on the Donate/Stewardship Fund button on our website <https://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/>

The Four Blue Cupolas: Although the bottom halves of the domes look relatively nice and glossy (once the black mold is cleaned off), the upper halves have been bleached out from the sun and weather – see Photos #2 and #3. Unfortunately, the stars are covered with mold. When I tried to clean them gently, the original gold leaf also rubbed off. The cross and the gold leaf area on the top show the gold area is in bad shape. We decided to repaint the blue areas as well and regild the stars, crosses, and skirts.

Starting Monday, November 8, scaffolding will be erected for all five domes. Once the scaffolding is up, the stars on the blue domes and the skirts on all five domes will be removed for gilding at the warehouse of the gilder, Julian Billotte of Capricho Gilding and Restoration. Incidentally, Julian is the same person who gilded our domes 23 years ago and he was originally trained on Mt. Athos by Greek monks in the art of gilding with gold leaf.

After the stars are removed, the painters will paint all four blue domes with the same blue color. The



OUR PILGRIMAGE TO SIBERIA

Archpriest Stefan Pavlenko



After many hours of travel, Father Stefan and Matushka Tatiana arrive at the Sacred Lake Baikal.

children which was once the home of a famous Decembrist (Декабрист). Proud owners of private restaurants hosted us with delicious meals and we attended beautiful services at various churches. Finally, we flew to Saint Petersburg to take the Sapsan highspeed train to Moscow.

In reminiscing about the trip, Matushka Tatiana and I agreed that this was the most exhausting itinerary we had ever followed. Even reading and rereading these long descriptive Dostoyevsky-style phrases made us tired. On the plus side, however, traveling to the depths of Holy Russia was not only informative but exhilarating and spiritually uplifting.

Diving into the depths of Holy Russia. Leaping from Moscow to Irkutsk to the Sacred Lake Baikal (Славное Море Священный Байкал). Traversing miles north of Irkutsk to the edge of the endless forest Taiga. Finally arriving at the village named Anga, birthplace of Saint Innocent (Ioann Veniaminov), who became the Metropolitan of All Russia toward the end of his life.

Robin Joy Kent Wellman, whom many of you know as the head Ranger at Fort Ross Historic State Park in northern California, has worked at the fort for over thirty years. Every year on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, Orthodox Christians arrive there

Why did our intrepid group of California clergy travel so far and so long? To open a Fort Ross Northern California Russian American and Native Peoples awareness display in the local Anga Museum.

Anga was not our only destination, however. After participating in the official opening and viewing the Fort Ross exhibit, our trip continued as we crossed and re-crossed Siberian rivers named Angara, Lena, Bol'shaya Anga, and their various tributaries. We visited various local cultural museums plus an orphanage for



Four hours north of Irkutsk, our California pilgrims attend a service at Saint Innocent Church in the village of Anga where the Saint grew up. In the small buildings are exhibits covering different phases of the Saint's life.

from various churches in the Bay Area to pray at the historic chapel. Robin would always greet the visitors warmly. Working as a historian and citizen diplomat, she became an expert on the years (1812 to 1841) when Russian fur traders from Alaska built the fort and intermingled with Indigenous Tribes living nearby.

Saint Innocent was a missionary to the Alaskan coast in the 1820s, traveling great distances by kayak. He devised a written language for the Aleuts and translated Scripture into their tongue. This year was the 224th anniversary of St. Innocent's birth in Anga village. To commemorate this occasion, Robin designed an excellent exhibit at the Saint Innocent Museum in Anga which featured Fort Ross and the Indigenous Tribes who interacted with the Russian fur traders.

Robin invited a number of California clergy to go on a pilgrimage to Siberia in September. The invited

participants were Matushka Tatiana and me; Reverend Father Edward Henderson, rector of Saint John the Baptist Church (OCA) in Berkeley; Reverend Father George Kurtow, rector of Saint Seraphim Church in Monterey, Matushka Helen Kurtow; and Mother Macrina, a nun at Holy Assumption Monastery (OCA) in Calistoga, California. To travel there, we were issued special cultural visas by the Ambassador to the United States in Washington DC, His Excellency Anatoly Antonoff to whom we are deeply thankful.

Going into the heart of Russia truly revealed to us the real Russia of today. We were both pleasantly surprised and heartened. At the church services in various villages and towns, we met locals who were all reflective of a land that had gone through very difficult times. But by God's Grace, they seemed joyous, content, and full of fortitude.

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Entering Spaso House in Moscow, where the U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation lives, are, left to right, Matushka Helen Kurtow, Reverend Father George Kurtow, Reverend Father Edward Henderson, Mother Macrina, Matushka Tatiana Pawlenko, Robin Wellman, and Archpriest Stefan Pawlenko.

In Saint Petersburg, our pilgrimage group also visited the home apartment of Saint John Kronstadt and the magnificent Naval Cathedral. We were fortunate to attend the Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra and venerate his holy relics on his 800th anniversary. Members of our group also visited the city convent where Saint John Kronstadt is entombed and the Chapel where Saint Xenia is buried. Having visited these holy sites on previous occasions, Tatiana and I took a rest day.

We did not pass up, however, an official visit to the Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (the *Kunstkamera*). There, we saw preserved baskets and other collectibles belonging to the Kashaya Pomo Indians who interacted with the Russians at Fort Ross. While only a small number of items were on display, the rest are in a large vault. Unfortunately, the catalogue listing the items is written only in Russian. It is one of Robin Wellman's projects to have the catalogue translated and made available in English for the California Indian tribe and all Americans.

In Moscow, we met the US Ambassador to the Russian Federation, the Honorable John J. Sullivan, a very welcoming and engaging Bostonian with whom Matushka Tatiana shared memories of living in Boston. He seemed genuinely interested in our Cultural Mission and promised to look into the matter of translating the Museum Catalogue.

We took a trip outside of Moscow to the Trinity Sergius Lavra and given an in-depth spiritual tour highlighted by venerating the holy relics of Saint



Sergius. Because the purpose of our trip was to celebrate the life of Saint Innocent, the glass lid of his reliquary was lifted and we were able to venerate his holy relics.

This is just an overview of our truly spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Sites in Russia. I will be sharing and revealing much more in the future. ■

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OUR RUSSIAN SCHOOL DIRECTOR REPOSES

Ludmilla Bobroff



Long-time director of our Parish Russian School, Alexander Nikolaevich Miroshnichenko, reposed in the Lord on August 20, 2021. The 88-year-old retired electronics engineer died from kidney failure. He had been a teacher and director of the Burlingame Russian School for 31 years. Prior to that, he was a teacher, then a director of the Russian School at Protection of the Holy Virgin Church in Palo Alto for 16 years.

Alexander Nikolaevich was born in 1933 in the town of Zrenianin, Serbia. His grandfather was the local Russian Orthodox priest and young Sasha (his nickname) served as an altar server. The boy had a wonderful childhood, exploring the town, jumping off the town bridge into the river, and learning all about the strange invention called the radio.

Life was pleasant until World War II when the Germans arrived, then the Soviet Army. Sasha's grandfather, Archpriest Nikolai Alexandrovich and

his Matushka were listed as "undesirables" and forced to leave the country within 15 days. Fortunately, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad found an opening for him in a church outside of Paris.

Sasha's parents also decided to leave the troubled country and eventually accepted an entry visa to Canada in 1952. After completing their work obligations to the Canadian government, Sasha and his older sister Galia began studying at McGill University in Montreal.

It was very difficult for Sasha to learn new languages, juggle class schedules, and work at a job, so he decided to move to the border town of Windsor where there were more opportunities. There, he obtained a job in the auto industry in Detroit and attended night classes at Wayne State University.

In Windsor, the young man met a champion Hungarian tennis player named Elizabeth (Aggie) Simon. Beautiful, friendly, and outgoing, she had been active as a nurse during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 before running for her life when the insurrection was crushed. The young couple fell in love, married in 1964, and Aggie converted to the Orthodox faith. They moved to Detroit.

Upon graduating from Wayne State University with a degree in electrical engineering, Sasha began searching for a job. Nothing panned out in Montreal or New York. Although Sasha had a loving wife, he felt lonely without a close Russian community nearby. Hearing that the San Francisco Bay Area had attracted a lot of Russian immigrants, he applied to over 20 companies in the Bay Area. Finally, SCM Corporation in Oakland made him an offer.

Now with a baby, the young couple moved to the Peninsula, first renting, then purchasing a home in Sunnyvale. However, more challenges appeared. The computer age had started and Sasha was forced to study every night after work and take classes to catch up. It took two years before he developed the skills needed for Computer Logic Design.

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Meanwhile, little Sasha was growing up during the hippie era and the young couple needed emotional and spiritual advice regarding the immorality sweeping over America.

They joined the Protection of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church in Palo Alto and enrolled little Sasha at age three into their Russian School. Because the father showed great interest in the school, he was quickly elected to the Parents' Committee.

Then when the director stepped down from her post, Sasha was asked to become the director of the Russian School with its 72 students.

Alexander Nikolaevich continued directing the Palo Alto Russian School until his son graduated. Then, he and Aggie began attending the Burlingame Russian Church. In 1990, Father Stefan asked him to solve a problem the school was having with some eighth graders. As he worked on the problem, he realized how much he missed Russian School.

Soon he began teaching religion classes and standing alongside interested students and adults in the Kliros (the side alcove on the right of the altar), showing them how to follow the Liturgy. Allison DeVincenzi was his most devoted student. She stood in the Kliros for months, to follow the liturgy. A week before Pascha, Father Stefan asked if she was ready to convert to the Orthodox faith. She was ready. Before the start of the service on Holy Saturday, Father Stefan baptized Allison.

Alexander Nikolaevich also created a website called "Doroga Domoj" (A Road Home) which provided information on the Russian School and the Orthodox Church. As new immigrants from Russia, Ukraine, and other Russian-speaking countries began appearing at the Burlingame Church in the 1990s and 2000s, Alexander Nikolaevich took it upon himself to answer their questions about the United States: how to find jobs, work with Americans, rent apartments, buy cars, etc.



The class of 2014/15 pose for a group photo including teachers and the Director

In 1999, Aggie, who had been a tremendous helpmate to her husband, developed kidney disease and had to leave her job as a nurse at Stanford Medical Center. In 2005, sadly, she departed this world.



Alexander Nikolaevich enjoyed appearing on stage at Yolkas with Assistant Director Svetlana Avdeeva.

As the years passed by, one of Alexander Nikolaevich's favorite pastimes was sitting at the "Russian School table" by the back door of the Church Hall, discussing topics with parents and parishioners while eating lunch prepared by the Sisterhood. One of his favorite lunch companions was parishioner Milovan Krnjajic

who had immigrated from Serbia.

As the Director's health deteriorated and a full-time home care provider was hired, Alexander Nikolaevich was not abandoned by teachers and the parents of students. When Milovan Krnjajic sent a video which he filmed of the village where Alexander Nikolaevich grew up, Assistant Director of the Russian School Svetlana Avdeeva brought the video to his house for

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Son Alex, standing, brought his family from Southern California to the funeral. Seated, left to right, are Cristian, Makayla, Nikolas and Alex's wife, Tammy.

a showing. The ailing director was excited to view it and asked to see it again and again, especially the bridge where he used to jump off into the river as a boy.

The funeral panihida for Alexander Nikolaevich Miroshnichenko was held on August 25, served by Father Andrew Smith, rector of the Nativity of the Holy Virgin (OCA) in Menlo Park. He was substituting for Father Stefan who was still traveling in Russia. Attending the services were teachers, parishioners, new and old students, and their parents.

Alex Miroshnichenko, the son of Alexander Nikolaevich, brought his whole family to the funeral. It included oldest grandson Nikolas, high schoolers Cristian and Makayla, and wife Tammy, all from Southern California. To make the funeral service understandable to family members and some attendees, Father Andrew served a lot of the *otpevanie* in English.

After the burial at Serbian Cemetery, Elena Bederov, Marina McKee, Marina Roudenko, Allison DeVincenzi, Svetlana Avdeeva, and Margarita Herzen hosted the *pominki* (memorial meal) in the Church Hall. During the luncheon, attendees stood up and voiced their warm remembrances of Alexander Nikolaevich. When the Milovan Krnjajic video was shown, many wiped away tears.

After the funeral, son Alex wrote an email saying, "It was a wonderful *pominki*. My kids learned a lot about their grandpa and it was very touching to hear everyone's individual stories about him. We all loved it." Having been a teacher for 47 years, the soul of Alexander Nikolaevich Miroshnichenko must have rejoiced! ■

BAPTIZED

AUGUST 2021
None

SEPTEMBER 2021
None

MARRIED

AUGUST 2021
Jovan Pantelic and Svetlana
Kamyshanskaya

SEPTEMBER 2021
None

REPOSED IN THE LORD

AUGUST 2021
Vladimir Matov
Nina P. Medovshikoff
Alexander N. Miroshnichenko

SEPTEMBER 2021
None

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RUSSIAN SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

Margarita Herzen

Dear fellow parishioners and parents of our Parish Russian School: On behalf of the lay faculty and with Father Stefan's blessing, we would like to apprise you of the current state of affairs and some particulars regarding our Church Russian School, its administration and curriculum.

Adding to our brief account which was printed in the September/October issue of the Church Newsletter, we are pleased to report that with God's blessing, the education of our children began according to plan via Zoom on Tuesday, September 14. This year, we do not have a kindergarten class due to the logistics of "gathering" three, four and five-year-olds into a virtual classroom. From the established grade system which includes three elementary levels (beginning, middle and advance preparatory) and the eighth grades of gymnasium, our student body this academic year of 2021-22, falls into the following categories: middle and advanced preparatory, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th grades. The 2nd and 6th grades do not exist this year. As in the recent previous years, some of the grades are based on all-Russian instruction, others are bi-lingual—meaning that the lectures and the readings are in English with English translations of the original Russian text, while the Russian language is taught utilizing age-appropriate foreign language programs.

In total, we have 30 students enrolled and the teachers report that instruction began quite satisfactorily. Student participation has been gratifyingly commendable. As faculty of our cherished school, our goals are to maintain a strong Orthodox and Russian cultural pedagogy while sustaining the interest, curiosity and a sense of value in our students- pandemic complexities, notwithstanding.

In light of the recent and mournful demise of our time-honored Director Aleksandr Nicholaevich Miroshnichenko, the administration of our school has taken a slightly different configuration which this report reviews for your own awareness and guidance: The Directorship is now solely in the hands of our

school's Spiritual Mentor and Rector, Father Stefan. Simultaneously, Father Stefan will teach Zakon Bozhii (the Law of God) in designated classes.

School Secretary: Mrs. Svetlana Olegovna Avdeeva will continue to assist him in the capacity of assistant and, primarily, the school secretary. She is available to answer questions regarding enrollment, curriculum and general state of affairs via her telephone number 650-483-5088, text or e-mail her at: Svetlana_avd@yahoo.com

School Advisor: Mrs. Tatiana Aleksandrovna Nizhegorodova will assist Svetlana Olegovna with the curriculum, pedagogy and matters needing to be addressed in the Russian language via her telephone number 925-364-1812, text or e-mail at: ta.nizhegorodova@gmail.com

Public Relations: Mrs. Margarita Grigorievna Herzen will assist in all matters pertaining to bi-lingual education and publicity. She can be reached at her phone number 650-722-1445, text or e-mail at: margaret@4herzen.net

Treasurer: Mr. Aleksandr Loboda is our school treasurer. The tuition remains at \$100 per month for the first child, the second is 50% less. Please mail your tuition checks to the Attention of Aleksandr Loboda: Church of All Russian Saints, 744 El Camino Real, Burlingame, CA 94010

Faculty and their specialties: For your review, please do not hesitate to call or write your child's teacher as needed.

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8) Dimitry Tchertkoff—Instructor of Zakon Bozhii in the 7th grades, Russian and Bi-lingual.

As stated earlier, our Russian School has had a few challenges over the past 19 months, but it is strong and we are united by our pastor Father Stefan with prayer and guidance. Students are managing to keep up with their studies. Parishioners support us by being present at school functions, and there is great camaraderie among us teachers. ■

CHOIR CONCERT AND MORE

Andrei Roudenko

In the previous issue of our Newsletter, I announced that our parish choir will present a concert of Masterpieces of the “Moscow School” (Шедевры «Московской Школы») on Sunday afternoon, December 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. In the past, our concerts were fundraisers for various causes such as our Stewardship program and victims of wildfires in Northern California.

Shortly, in early November, our readers will see scaffolding around our church and the beginning of work on re-gilding our Burlingame landmark gold dome, and restoration of our adjoining four blue cupolas. Our choir members look forward to the successful completion of this magnificent and ambitious beautification effort.

As a tangible show of our support, our choir will earmark all donations from our December concert to our re-gilding and cupola restoration Stewardship fund. We invite you to attend our concert, enjoy works by some of the best composers who ever wrote for the Church, and, of course, generously support our Stewardship’s beautification project.

Many of those who receive this Newsletter also receive a weekly “BURL-Choir” email bulletin. The bulletin provides descriptions of the Holy Days and Saints that are commemorated that weekend. “BURL-Choir” bulletin recipients might recall that in some cases, descriptions are adapted from the book «Закон Божий» (Law of God), which was written by Proto-priest Serafim Slobodskoy.

This November 5th will be the 50th anniversary of Father Serafim’s repose. In many ways, Father Serafim’s life story was similar to those of countless emigres in the previous century. Wherever their fate took them, they remained faithful Orthodox, loyal Russians, and advocates for a rebirth of Russia. Wherever their fate took them, they built churches, established Russian schools and Russian cultural organizations. In Father Serafim’s case, as for many of his contemporary countrymen, they reposed before the yoke of communism was lifted and the rebirth of Russia began.

English and Russian summaries about Father Serafim are available on our parish website, (<https://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/>) in the Home section. We invite you to acquaint yourself with the life of Father Serafim. ■

SPECIAL CHURCH VISITORS



The Hawaiian Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos visited our Church in August.



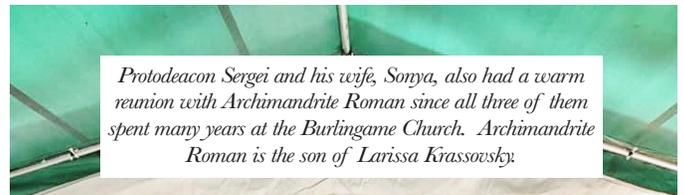
As in all the Bay Area Orthodox Churches where the Iveron Icon was present, our Church was full of parishioners.



Sonya Shoomiloff, front row in the blue blouse, joined her Sisterhood friends in the kitchen even though a luncheon was held in honor of the Shoomiloffs.



In September, Father Stefan was overjoyed to serve with Archimandrite Roman (Krassovsky), Head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, and with Protodeacon Sergei Shoomiloff, now serving at Our Lady of Kazan Orthodox Church in Newark, New Jersey.



Protodeacon Sergei and his wife, Sonya, also had a warm reunion with Archimandrite Roman since all three of them spent many years at the Burlingame Church. Archimandrite Roman is the son of Larissa Krassovsky.





Pictured serving with Father Andrew Gliga and Father Stefan is Father Deacon Alexandre Sarandinaki. While living and working in San Diego, he was tonsured a reader, then ordained to the diaconate. The family returned to Burlingame in 2018 and Father Deacon Alexandre started serving with Father Stefan, helping us lift our prayers to God with his golden baritone voice.

GOOD-BYE SARANDINAKIS



Ilya and Anastasia received Certificates for completing the Bell Ringing Course. Ilya has become a serious altar server, while Anastasia joyously rang our newly installed bells. The children hope to continue attending the Burlingame Russian School via Zoom.



Father Stefan gives a touching farewell speech to Father Deacon Alexandre. Father Deacon explained that New Jersey offered more opportunities for the family and lower housing prices.



A blackboard announced the Farewell Luncheon for the Sarandinaki family and welcomed all parishioners to attend.

FAREWELL BURLINGAME CHURCH

Nikolai Koretsky, former President of the Russian Museum of Culture in San Francisco and former member of the Church Council, has moved to Rancho Cordoba near Sacramento. Since he requires 24-hour home care, Nikolai hired Anya, who turned out to be a godsend. When Anya voiced her desire to return home to Sacramento because she missed her family, Nikolai did not hesitate to make arrangements to go with her.



Father Deacon Alexandre; Choir singer Tanya; future singer Alexandra; altar server Ilya; future singer Olessia; and bell ringer Anastasia departed in October to start a new life in New Jersey.

Svetlana Avdeeva and her husband Alexsey Vasilyev are moving to North Carolina where their dream house has been built. Their daughter, Katya, will be returning to her job in New York City at the beginning of 2022. Svetlana is planning to keep in close contact with Burlingame students and parishioners from afar. She will continue teaching in the Parish Russian School via Zoom and hopes to fly to California for all important occasions.



Convert David Wood, on the far right with the dark beard, has searched long and diligently for the Ancient Church. After finding it, he decided to join the Jordanville Monastery and become a novice monk. Father Stefan blessed his decision.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOVEMBER
+
DECEMBER**

We are very happy to be able to resume our after-liturgy lunch gatherings. Tables will be set up both inside and outside the Church Hall.

NOVEMBER 21

Sisterhood Thanksgiving Lunch

DECEMBER 5

Children's Gingerbread Faire
Help your little ones decorate a pre-built gingerbread house

DECEMBER 12

FISH CUTLET LUNCH

Enjoy the Sisterhood's famous fish kotleti with mushroom sauce

DECEMBER 19 AT 1:30 P.M.

Church of All Russian Saints
Choir Concert

PELMENI-MAKING SESSIONS

NOVEMBER 11

DECEMBER 16

If you can help make pelmeni, come to the Church Hall anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Both men and women volunteers are welcome. Call Luba Gauschildt for more information.

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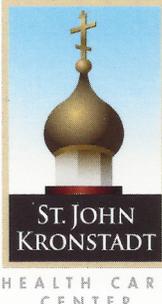
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