

Theological Questions to Archpriest Stefan Pavlenko for the Burlingame Church Newsletter

1.	Will our souls recognize loved ones in the next life or must we wait until the Second Coming of the Lord?	Volume 1, Number 1	January/February 2013
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6.	Why do priests wear beards? Why must women cover their heads during Holy Communion? Why is kneeling prohibited on Sundays? Why are candles lit in front of Icons? Why is hand-washing during Liturgy reserved only for the Bishop? How many people must be present in Church before a Service can begin?	Volume 2, Number 1	January/February 2014
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21.	Are women required to wear a head covering while receiving Holy Communion in a Russian Orthodox Church? What is the significance of the head covering? The Greek, Serbian, and Antiochian Churches do not require head coverings during Communion. Why is there a difference? If a person from another jurisdiction takes Communion at our Church, should she follow the traditions of her own Church or the Church where she takes Communion? How detailed should Confession be?	Volume 5, Number 2	March/April 2017
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