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MESSAGE FROM ARCHPRIEST STEFAN, RECTOR

At the end of September, 50 years will have passed since I was ordained in the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR). Looking back at my life, I marvel at how often Our Lord Jesus Christ sent the right people at the right time to keep me on the path which He wanted me to follow.

I grew up in a home with religious parents who attended church regularly and revered the preservation of Russian Orthodox traditions. My father was the son of a priest in a long lineage of clergymen. In Imperial Russia, he had been a seminarian in the Ukrainian city of Odessa, and would have followed in his father's footsteps had it not been for the First World War and the Bolshevik Revolution.

My mother, as a young lady, read on Kliros in the Russian Church in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, under the spiritual leadership of Blessed Metropolitan Antony (Khrapovitsky). She continued to participate in church services wherever she lived and concluded her life as a Novice Nun in the Novo-Diveevo Russian Orthodox Convent in Nanuet, New York. Similarly, my godmother was a pious and humble person, while my godfather, an uncle, was a Sub-deacon to several Metropolitans before becoming a priest himself. Watching these people live their simple but deeply spiritual lives, I was drawn to my Orthodox Christian roots.

I became an Altar Boy when I was slightly older than a toddler at the Holy Trinity Church in my hometown of Vineland, New Jersey. The first Bishop for whom I held the crosier (posoch) was the saintly and famous Archbishop Vitaly (Maximenko). When I was older, my parents arranged with our parish priest, Archpriest Nikolai Martsishevsky, to

take me each summer to Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Monastery in Jordanville, New York to participate in their unofficial Boys' Summer Program. Over the years, I became acquainted with the monks and observed their daily lives of prayer, church services and obedience doing various work assignments.

In 1964, while still in high school, I owe the beginnings of my path to priesthood to Ever Memorable Archbishop Nikon (Rklitsky). He tonsured me a Reader even though I was weak in my knowledge of the Slavonic Language. He hoped that I would improve with time and continue in my spiritual service to the Church.

As my high school graduation approached, it was time to make decisions regarding my academic future. The high school guidance counselor asked me what I aspired to be. He was expecting me to say – a lawyer, doctor or engineer. When I said I planned to be a seminarian at Holy Trinity Seminary, he literally laughed in my face. "You can do better than THAT," he insisted. Ignoring his comment, I enrolled in the Holy Trinity Seminary after graduation.

The Seminary turned out to be everything I had hoped it would be. In addition, by God's great mercy to me, the Lord sent me my future wife, Tatiana Vorobey from Boston, Massachusetts. Tatiana was part of a Youth Pilgrimage from Boston and we met at the Monastery at the beginning of my last year in Seminary. Although we had many mutual friends, we had never met each other. On that glorious day, we got acquainted and knew immediately, we were meant to spend the rest of our lives together.

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I struggled through the five year program at the Seminary and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Theology in 1971. Later that year, Tatiana and I got married in Boston, her hometown. Since I had spent two summers in San Francisco before my graduation, helping Archimandrite Cyprian (Pyzhov) and his team paint the interior of the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco, I persuaded my bride to move cross country and live in California for a short time. She agreed.

Then, as we were planning to return to Vineland to fulfill my promise to my former Parish Priest, Archpriest Nikolai (Martsishevsky), His Eminence Archbishop Anthony of San Francisco approached me and said it was time for me to be ordained a Deacon. I hesitated because of my promise to return to my hometown. Archbishop Anthony said that would not be a problem. So on the day before the Dormition Feast in 1972, Archbishop Anthony tonsured me Sub-deacon and at the same liturgy, ordained me a Deacon. Although this occurred at the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco, I was to serve at the Holy Trinity Church in Vineland, New Jersey.

On September 30, 1973, after we returned to the East Coast, Archbishop Nikon, my ruling Bishop in Vineland, wanted to ordain me a priest. Sadly, he was battling cancer so I was ordained a priest by Bishop of Manhattan His Grace Vladyka Lavr (Shkurla), who later become the Metropolitan of ROCOR. I always felt I would not have been ordained if Archbishop Nikon had not given his episcopal blessing for my ordination and showed his arch-pastoral care and kindness to me.

As my duties increased in Church, I always remembered my mother's advice to "speak clearly and in a loud voice." She suffered hearing problems so all of us, siblings, spoke loudly so she could hear us.

Our first baby, Alyosha, was born in Vineland in 1975. Although we put down roots, we still could not forget the clergy in the San Francisco Bay Area and the friends that we had made. Then in 1977, Archbishop Anthony of San Francisco assigned me to be the rector of the Holy Resurrection Church on Sixth Avenue and Lake Street in San Francisco. Both Matushka Tatiana and I were thrilled to be returning to California. Four years later, there was an opening at the Church of All Russian Saints in Burlingame and I was appointed Rector.

Almost according to plan, baby Xenia was born in San Francisco while I was serving there and baby Olga was born in Burlingame after my new appointment. All three children are now married and we're blessed with six grandchildren. However, the girls, their husbands, and

their children now live in New Jersey so we have become transcontinental commuters. Fortunately, our son, Alyosha, his wife and son reside nearby in the East Bay.

Our parishioners have changed over the years. Immigrants who arrived in the 40s and 50s are slowly departing this world. Their children and grandchildren with the strongest faith still attend and carry out responsibilities. Immigrants who arrived during the 90s from Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern European countries attend services faithfully and fulfill their duties well. Although we don't have a lot of parishioners, I'm encouraged by converts in America who are discovering the Orthodox faith and with countries where many are being baptized. For this, we thank God and hope our feeble efforts by God's Grace give abundant fruit.

In conclusion, I thank everyone I have encountered in my life. First and foremost is my beloved wife given to me by God. Next are my children, grandchildren, my sisters, my cousins, and all my family members, along with all the wonderful people in our parish. As an unworthy priest, I give thanks to God for all the people God connected me with during my life and service to the Holy Church. ■

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MEMORY ETERNAL TO SERGE LOUKIANOFF

Protoierei Stefan Pavlenko

To speak of a friend after his repose is a special honor that is mixed with both sadness and joy. Serge (Sergei) Andreevich Loukianoff was my friend. He was the twin brother of His Eminence Peter, Archbishop of Chicago and Middle America. I was actually friends with Archbishop Peter long before meeting Serge. Archbishop Peter, known as Paul Loukianoff in his youth, was my classmate at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary in Jordanville, New York. We were both seminarians there for five years from 1966 through 1971.



lunches,” we would have earth-shattering discussions over great Chinese food or Chicken wings. It was always fun confusing John Crosby about our strict fasting rules on Wednesdays and Fridays and the differences between fasting before Christmas and fasting during Great Lent. But somehow, we got through the meals in good spirits, especially when Good Spirits were allowed. Serge never drank any spirits. He loved Diet Coke, no ice!

This was one side of my good friend. The other side was that Serge was also my spiritual son. He always went to confession to me, and I saw in him a deeply faithful, responsible and sober Orthodox Christian. His life was that of any other human being with all our shortcomings and personal struggles. But he sincerely prayed to God to help him overcome any turbulence that appeared in his life and to improve his life through prayer, repentance and frequent communion. He sincerely loved his wife Merry Ann and their daughters, Natalia, Catherine and especially Alexandra. As many others, he had his Cross to bear but he always put full faith in the Lord to guide him on his worldly path. Now we pray for the Lord to guide him to eternal peace and tranquility among the righteous in Heaven. Eternal Memory, dear friend Serge. ■

Only after I was assigned to the Church of All Russian Saints in Burlingame in 1981 did I become acquainted with Sergei. At one time, he was a member of our Parish Council along with Vladimir Sommer, Vladimir Gattenburger, and Michael Bogoslovsky. That's when Sergei and I became close friends.

Our main topics of conversation were always about church-related subjects, politics and trends. Serge had his opinions and I had mine. Rarely did our outlooks converge. Some were exact opposite. However, Serge's points of view were always those that he saw personally with his eyes and especially in his heart. He argued for greater unity among the various jurisdictions of the Orthodox Faith, more collaboration and inclusion of American customs and the English language in services. And while he wanted modern English when it was used, I fought for the more traditional Old English in prayers, preserving the "Thee's" and the "Thou's".

Serge was always thinking of and suggesting fundraising ideas for church needs. Some of his ideas were pretty wild. He championed ways to support Orthodox Clergy in a financially acceptable manner on par with the American standards of life. One of his ideas was to sell Church Bread outside church services, making the prosfora more like breakfast buns. While this idea was suggested with tongue in cheek, Serge was an early proponent of our current very successful Stewardship Program.

Another unifying aspect of our friendship was meeting and socializing with our dear mutual friend, John Crosby of Crosby N. Gray Funeral Home. At these "business



His Eminence Archbishop Peter, Serge's twin brother, officiated at the funeral and accompanied the body to the Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, New York. Serge's entire family was present at the burial.

DISCOVERING AN ORTHODOX MONASTERY IN MEXICO CITY

Frances Maria Frey, Ph.D, Retired Educational Psychologist



Although the building looks like other private residences, in front of the Monastery is a large Russian Orthodox Cross while on an adjacent wall is a coat of arms of Tsarist Russia. This image immediately struck me as a miracle coming from Our Lord Himself. As I learned about its history on www.pravoslavie.mx, I recognized that the Hand of God did, in fact, guide Archimandrite Nektariy and others every step of the way.

The original idea of founding a Holy Monastery in Mexico came from Bishop Paul de Ballester (+1984), the first Spiritual Father of young Monk Nektariy, whose heritage is Greek-Georgian. As the young man was walking out of a Greek Orthodox Church in Mexico with the Bishop, a religious zealot killed Bishop Paul, making him a modern day Martyr of the Orthodox Faith.

This tragedy left a deep mark on the young disciple. He became determined to try and make Bishop Paul's wish a reality. Upon reaching adulthood, he started a spiritual quest that took him on a trip to visit and pray at Monasteries in the Holy Land, Greece, and the Balkans. On the webpage, he explains how he, as a humble schema-monk, searched to understand the Will of God.

Following his ordination into the priesthood in 2005 at the Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, he returned to Mexico with the Blessing of Metropolitan Laurus in order to celebrate the Nativity of Christ. On that day, his dream was fulfilled. For the first time, the Holy Trinity Skete provided Divine Services to the Russian-speaking Orthodox faithful living in Mexico. Five years later, His Eminence Archbishop Kyrill (Dimitrieff) of the Western America Diocese elevated him from Abbot to Archimandrite of the Holy Trinity Monastery of Mexico City.

Ever faithful to the Monastery's original purpose, Archimandrite Nektariy defines the mission of the Holy Monastery as serving the Orthodox faithful of Slavic backgrounds who emigrated from countries of the former Soviet Union and are now living in

After my husband David retired, we moved to Mexico and built a retirement home in the colonial town of Taxco, located three and a half hours south of Mexico City. Long-time Bay Area parishioners may remember us at the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco, at Father Stefan's first Church in California on Sixth Avenue and Lake Street, and later at the Church of All Russian Saints in Burlingame.

In Mexico, we started going to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Mexico City which was a spiritual sanctuary for us in this non-Orthodox society. Then Father Stefan told me about a Church Abroad Monastery in Mexico City! By this time, my dear husband reposed and I was more determined than ever to seek out The Holy Monastery. After finding it and attending several Liturgies, it became my dream to tell you about the spiritual richness of the Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Monastery in Mexico which has so touched my heart.

This year, on my Namesday, the Feast of St. Mary of Egypt, I received Sacraments at the Holy Monastery and decided the time had come to write about the Monastery, which is located in metropolitan Mexico City. The Monastery stands on a quiet, tree-lined street in the prestigious area of Cuahitémoc, close to the American Embassy. Its address is #42 Danube Street.



Archimandrite Nektariy

History and is fluent in six languages. He also has the distinction of being the only forensic psychiatrist in Mexico and works in a hospital. With his knowledge of museum curating and restoration, he designed the Monastery combining Spanish aesthetics with Russian design elements. The building consists of the Church, refectory, and monastic cells.

Daily services are provided in Church Slavonic with use of some Spanish language. The Monastery follows the strict monastic liturgical cycle and the availability of monks to serve, given their secular work schedules. By decree of the Synod of Bishops of ROCOR, the Monastery has also become the administrative center of the Deanery of Mexico in which three hieromonks coordinate the 12 missions in Mexico under the leadership of Father Nektariy who was appointed Dean.

The Patron Saint of the Monastery is St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco. As Father Nektariy stated on the website, “We dedicate our prayers as we share the same spirit of humility and love for people from all Orthodox nations who pray to God with us.” During the Feastday of Saint John, Father Nektariy participated in all the services at the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco. He also accepted an invitation from Father Stefan Pavlenko to serve Divine Liturgy the next day at the Church of All Russian Saints.

Mexico. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, the number of Russian and Ukrainian emigres has greatly increased. When the emigres are turned back from the U.S.-Mexico border, they return to Mexico City and seek help from the Monastery.

From the ambo, Father Nektariy explained the purpose of the Monastery and its importance in providing help to emigres in coping with the challenges of contemporary life in Mexico. While the Church has attracted mostly Russian parishioners, there are also Serbs, Ukrainians, Belarusians, Bulgarians,

At the Monastery there are 5 monks, all of different ethnic backgrounds, speaking several languages after completing higher education. Three of them have been with Abbot Nektariy for over 25 years. All the monks have secular jobs and provide the single source of funding to the Monastery.



Abbot Nektariy and his Monks

The Abbot himself has advanced degrees in Theology, Medicine and

Georgians, Armenians, Greeks, Moldovans, and Orthodox Mexicans who attend services. Because all the monks’ and the Archimandrite’s salaries go toward helping the needy, the Church of All Russian Saints took up a plate collection for the Mexico Monastery. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, Archimandrite Nektariy was very grateful for the funds.

AKT CONCLUDES THE 2022-23 PARISH SCHOOL YEAR

Margarita Herzen

Three weeks later, I learned that the Burlingame Church Choir organized a fundraising luncheon for the monastery in Mexico City. Singers Anna Fedorov and Olga Medvedko, along with Sisterhood member, Lena Gauschildt planned and worked at the event, along with others. Choir Director Irina Shachneva rounded up her adult son, his friends, and Olga's godson to help Starosta Andrei Fedorov barbecue the meats. Irina invited members of the Slavyanka Choir, which she also directs, to sing duets with her, accompanied by the popular bayan player, Vladimir Ryazantsev. The event brought in a substantial sum of money which was sent to Archimandrite Nektariy, as an unexpected surprise.

“Our existence is a miracle, veritable proof of the Grace and Mercy of God,” Archimandrite Nektariy said. “Despite all of our needs and challenges, we have become the heart, the soul, and the conscience of the Russian Orthodox community in Mexico.”

Father Nektariy's talk at the Burlingame Church can be viewed on the July 2 Livestream at the 2:00:45 time mark. If you would like to contribute to the spiritual care of our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Mexico, donations are welcomed.

Send a check to:
The Fund for Assistance to the
Russian Orthodox Church Outside
Russia
P.O. Box 272
Glen Cove, NY 11542

Include a note that the donation is for the Holy Trinity Monastery in Mexico City.

www.fundforassistance.org ■

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, the Parish Russian School ended its in-person academic year with a jubilant celebration of its traditional AKT.

After serving a Moleben, Father Stefan, along with teachers, students and their families, descended to the Church Hall for the usual program of handing out grades, certificates of merit, and awards. The green-felted pedagogical table under the portraits of Emperor Nicholas II and Empress Alexandra Fedorovna was laden with packages for our students. Of the twenty enrolled students, twelve attended AKT including our one and only graduating student, Elizabeth Osipova.

Lisa's accomplishments are commendable! She attended all eight years of Russian School, missing only for significant reasons. Her teacher of many years, Zoia Leonidovna Osipchuk, lovingly taught, inspired and motivated this very special young lady.

In her congratulatory letter to Lisa, Zoia Leonidovna confirmed that Lisa was a Student of Merit and deserved the highest award for excellence in all subjects. The Gold Medal was then awarded to her on June 18 by Bishop Theodosy of Seattle, Vicar Bishop of the Diocese of San Francisco and Western America. The presentation occurred in the Church Hall at the trapeza commemorating the Feast Day of All Russian Saints.

In addition, CRA, the Congress of Russian Americans, selects annually qualifying students from all Russian Schools in the Bay Area and rewards them with a small stipend and an honorary membership. This year Elizabeth Osipova was our only recipient of this honor. Natasha Sabelnik, President of CRA, presented Lisa with her award.

During the school year, all students learned poems by classical Russian poets. This year's theme was the Four Seasons. During AKT, one class after another recited their poems to create an oral picture of the four seasons.



Gold Medal winner, Lisa Osipova, recites the poem "Rozy." Dressed as Summer, she wore a wreath and a garland of colorful flowers.



Russian School teacher and Starosta, Andrei Fedorov, joins parents and students for the Moleben.



Songs are sung for the Finale.



Students and teachers pose for their annual photo.

For **Autumn**, the Alphabet Class recited “Deti v shkolu sobiraite” and “Osen” by Modzalevskij and A. Pleshcheev.

For **Winter**, Grades 1 and 2 recited “Detstvo” by I. Surikov.

For **Spring**, Grades 4 and 5 recited “Vesna” by A. Pleshcheev.

For **Summer**, our graduate Elizabeth Osipova recited “Rozy” by I. Bunin

The children were also dressed in seasonally appropriate clothes such as winter hats, coats and gloves. Autumn brought out a cornucopia of Fall vegetables, while representing Summer, Lisa wore a lovely wreath of colorful flowers on her head and a garland of roses over her shoulders.

For the finale, all students performed in the school choir, singing “Kalinka-Malinka,” “I Play on the Harmonica” from the animated children’s film series

“Cheburashka” and the melodic Russian Scouts song by L.Modzalevskij, “Sleti k nam tikhij vecher”.

Refreshments included a light lunch buffet for the hungry students, while the parents relaxed over coffee and tea, wishing each other a restful summer.

Because of an early Newsletter deadline, the program for the upcoming 2023-24 academic school has not yet been set. We do anticipate the return of all 19 of our students and hopefully, new students will join them. The first day of school will be September 5, the first Tuesday after Labor Day. Details were sent to families in the middle of August. If you have not received information, flyers of recruitment and registration are available at the Candlestand in Church. Teachers and administrators look forward to welcoming back our students for another fun and educationally profitable year. ■

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RUSSIAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Margarita Herzen



Altar server Xander Haislip and his little sister dance with their mother, Olga.

For the first time in two years, the Burlingame Parish Russian School held a fundraising luncheon in May. Because of the Covid pandemic, our usual after Liturgy coffees and luncheons, organized by parents, had been eliminated. But now, finally, we were given the go-ahead to plan an event with the purpose of fellowship and replenishing Russian School coffers.

Though our school is tuition based, additional funds are always needed for books, materials and children's events. This year, various obstacles, associated with adjustments to our in-person learning, made planning a matter of trial and error.

At last, Sunday May 18 was selected for this much anticipated event. It was to be a festive luncheon with a traditional Russian menu of Kotlety Pozharski, mashed potatoes with mushroom sauce, vinaigrette and an assortment of desserts and pastries. The school staff was delighted to learn that Matushka Tatiana offered to make her delicious mushroom sauce. Furthermore, many members of the Sisterhood stepped up to lighten our job, teach us the ropes, and set the tables.

The day finally arrived and many parishioners entered the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy in a joyous

mood. Since school luncheons were a favorite project of our recently reposed Svetlana Olegovna Avdeeva, the school dedicated the event in her memory. A photo-slideshow of Svetlana in school settings was presented on our large screen TV. For this wonderful production, we thank our young techie altar server, Andrei Lytnev. He completed his tasks swiftly and capably.

After the festive luncheon, guests were entertained by a favorite of our community, the charismatic Russian National Artist Vladimir Ryazantsev. He knew Svetlana from Russian Center where she always volunteered helping organizers of the "Day of the Russian Child" festival. Ryazantsev arrived with two other musicians who were in training to play the

balalaikas. The trio sang, danced and even beguiled some of us to sing and dance along. On the dance floor were mothers with their sons and long-time Russian School teachers who once taught students how to dance the gopak. It turned out to be a joyous communal event.

To all who helped make this event so successful - Matushka Tatiana, the Sisterhood, parishioners and friends - many, many thanks! Great fun was had by all.



Vladimir Ryazantsev, center, and his two balalaika players entertain guests.

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER 5

FIRST DAY OF PARISH RUSSIAN SCHOOL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

RUMMAGE SALE

HOURS OPEN ON SATURDAY – 9 TO 2 P.M.

HOURS OPEN ON SUNDAY – AFTER LITURGY

PLEASE BRING GENTLY USED ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH BY WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SORT AND SET UP TABLES DURING THE SALE. ITEMS NOT SOLD WILL BE DONATED TO A CHARITY.

PELMENI-MAKING SESSIONS SEPTEMBER 28 OCTOBER 19

IF YOU CAN HELP, COME TO THE CHURCH HALL ANYTIME BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL LUBA GAUSCHIEDT AT 659-591-1605.



Former Russian School teachers enjoy chatting with one another. Nina Baratoff, far left, wrote and directed her own original plays for all Yolkas in the 60s and 70s. Others are, left to right, Maria Sky, Anya Derigin, and Irina Irklienko.



A slideshow about reposed teacher Svetlana Avdeeva was shown. She was very much loved by everyone at the school.

BAPTIZED

APRIL 2023
None

MAY 2023
None

JUNE 2023
Minadora Gattenberger

JUNE 2023
Grigory A. Yanuk

MARRIED

APRIL 2023
Andrei Kniazik and Svetlana Ageeva

MAY 2023
None

JUNE 2023
None

JUNE 2023
Victoria Bolshakoff and Alexei Griesbach

REPOSED IN THE LORD

APRIL 2023
None

MAY 2023
Svetlana Avdeeva
Sergei Loukianoff

JUNE 2023
None

JUNE 2023
None



FEAST DAY OF CHURCH OF ALL RUSSIAN SAINTS

Above: His Grace Bishop Theodosy officiated at Divine Liturgy along with Archpriest Stefan and Archpriest Peter Perekrestov.



Below: During the Trapeza, Bishop Theodosy awarded Elizabeth Osipova the Gold Medal for being an outstanding graduate of the Parish Russian School.



Above: Elizabeth Osipova, representing the Russian School, congratulates Father Stefan on his birthday.



Right: Many members of the Sisterhood worked tirelessly at the event.

2023 GRAMATA RECIPIENTS

After Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Church of All Russian Saints, His Grace Bishop Theodosy, representing the Diocese of San Francisco and Western America, honored the following parishioners with Certificates of Commendation (Gramatas) for their many years of service.



Dimitry Bobroff was honored for his work on the Stewardship Program and being in charge of many Parish Council projects.



Ivan Afanasiev retired this year after faithfully serving as Warden (Starosta) for 39 years.



Larissa Krassowsky received the Gramata for helping Father Stefan bake prosforas and for organizing fundraising lotteries at the Church of All Russian Saints, Holy Virgin Cathedral and Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church.



Georgii Misersky has served as Parish Council Secretary, a member of the Choir, and a helper to the Warden (Starosta).



Although Xenia Maximow now lives in New Jersey, she continues designing our Church Newsletter. She received her Gramata, lovingly delivered by Father Stefan.



Ludmilla Bobroff has been the editor of the Burlingame Church Newsletter for over ten years, never missing a deadline.

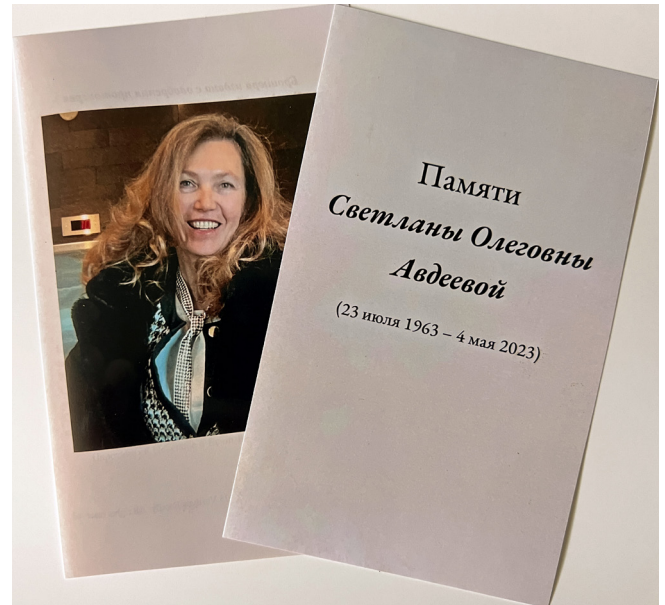
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Weekday Vigil (when scheduled) 6:00 pm
Weekday Liturgy (when scheduled) 9:00 am
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www.allrussiansaintsburlingame.org

Below: Daughter Katya and father Aleksey Vasiliyev have produced a beautifully written Memorial Booklet about the life of mother and wife, Svetlana Avdeeva. The booklet includes remembrances by many parishioners. A limited number of copies have been handed out to Russian School teachers and friends with whom Svetlana worked and socialized.



Above: In case you haven't noticed, our 2023 Church Calendar, sponsored by Crosby N. Gray Funeral Home, is illustrated with photos of some of our new stained glass windows. They were designed by Olga Parr and recently reposed Svetlana Avdeeva. The names of sponsors are listed on the plaque.



Above: Elena Bederova, in the center, organized a Namesday celebration for all Elenas. The three guests of honor were Elena Gauschildt, Elena Bederova, and Elena Wyant.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Right: Leo Grabowski, in the center, received a Master of Divinity, Suma Cum Laude Degree from Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, New York. Congratulating him on his outstanding achievement are His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas and Dean Nicholas Shidlovsky. In the Fall, Leo plans to pursue a Master of Theology degree at St. Vladimir's Seminary in Yonkers, New York.

BARBECUE FUNDRAISER FOR MEXICO MONASTERY

Below: Substituting for Father Stefan was Priest James Steele from St. Elias Orthodox Mission, Diamond Springs, California. He enjoyed the barbecue and chatting with Yura Misersky.



Above: Organizers and helpers of the fundraiser were (left to right) Olga Medvedko, Irina Shachneva, Zhenya Drugov, Luba Gauschild, Alexander Kuhlitarov, Starosta Andrei Fedorov, and Christian Gaidau. Not pictured is organizer Lena Gauschildt.



Above: Organizer and Choir Member Anna Fedorov prepared side dishes for the barbecue.



Right: Irina Shachneva sang several duets with Litz Plummer from Slavyanka, accompanied by Vladimir Ryazantsev playing the bayan.

SUMMER OF WEDDINGS

Below: Yekaterina A. Vasiliyev married Kevin Patrick Hayes on July 16 at Holy Epiphany Russian Orthodox Church in Roslindale, Massachusetts. The groom is a professional hockey player. During hockey season (September-May), the newlyweds will reside in Saint Louis, Missouri. In the summer, their residence will be Boston. Congratulating the couple are sister, Ksenia, a cadet in the U.S. Air Force Academy, Matushka Tatiana and Father Stefan Pawlenko, and recently widowed father, Aleksey Vasiliyev.



Below: Father Stefan officiated at the wedding of Victoria Bolshakoff, daughter of Tanya and Oleg Bolshakoff, and Alexei Griesbach. The wedding took place on July 28 at the Church of All Russian Saints in Burlingame. The couple now live in Truckee.



Above: Christina Loukianoff, daughter of Pavel and Natasha Loukianoff, married Travis Flowers on May 5 at Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco. They reside in Daly City.

Below: Natalia Rodionovna Williams, daughter of Leeza Sinkevich-Mistuloff, married Nicholas Lee Michels on July 14. Father Stefan officiated at the ceremony held at Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco. The newlyweds reside in Concord.



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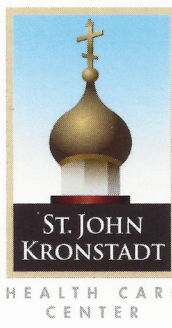
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