

# CHURCH OF ALL RUSSIAN SAINTS NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM ARCHPRIEST STEFAN, RECTOR

**Christ is Risen! Χριστος Воскресе!  
Χριστός ανέστη!**

There is no more joyous and Grace-filled greeting than “Christ is Risen!” Whichever language is used, it conveys a profound Gospel of cheer, joy and hope.

When the Myrrh-bearing women found the empty tomb and were told by the angel that “He is Risen,” they quickly informed some of the Apostles of the Good News. After the resurrected Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas, they, in turn, confirmed He is Risen to others. Consequently, we greet each other on Pascha (Easter Sunday) and throughout Bright Week and all Forty Days of the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection with the joyful, crisp, lively, triumphant **“CHRIST IS RISEN!”** Joyously, our response is **“INDEED HE IS RISEN!”**

And so I greet you with love and proclaim,  
**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΒΟΣΚΡΕΣΕ! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**

Because Pascha (Easter Sunday) is on May 5th, the rubrics change for celebrating our Church Feast Day of All Saints of Russia. Usually, the celebration occurs the second Sunday after Pentecost. This year, it will be celebrated on the **THIRD SUNDAY** after Pentecost, which will be July 14. That is because the Feast of Saint John the Baptist falls on a Sunday and the Typicon appoints All Saints of Russia to be on the following Sunday. As a rare exception, our feast day this year will be a non-fasting day!

It’s also important to note that Tuesday July 2, 2024, is the **THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY** of the Glorification of **SAINT JOHN** of Shanghai and San Francisco. However, our Western American Diocese will celebrate the anniversary on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at the Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco. Closer to the date, information will be posted on this historical event. Please plan on participating in this spiritually profitable and enlightening celebration.

Wishing everyone a joyous Paschal Season!





# REPORT ON 2024 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Ludmilla Bobroff

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Church of All Russians Saints in Burlingame was held in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy on April 14, 2024. After enjoying a delicious Lenten buffet, church attendees, dues-paying members and Stewards quieted down as Archpriest Stefan Pavlenko opened the meeting with a prayer and the blessing of our Ruling Archbishop, His Eminence Kyrill of San Francisco and Western America.

Boris Parr was nominated as honorary chairman. Nominations for various open offices were voiced from the floor. Longtime Council Member Bill Gilchrist announced he was stepping down from his post after many years of service. Council Member Dimitry Bobroff praised Bill and thanked him for his excellent work ethic and willingness to tackle difficult projects. As he shook Bill's hand, the audience applauded loudly.

The first speaker was **Choir Director Irina Shachneva.**

After replacing Andrei Roudenko who moved to the East Coast last year, Irina said there has been a transition period with some singers leaving and others joining the choir. At any service, there could be between 3 and 33 singers in the choir loft. Irina encouraged everyone who liked to sing to try out for the choir. Rehearsals in the Church Hall are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.



*Irina Shachneva presents a report on her first year conducting the Burlingame Church Choir.*

During the past year, the choir sang at the RACS Choral Festival, joined students singing kaladki at the Russian School Yolka, and organized a barbecue at a fundraiser for a Monastery in Mexico. Irina's future plans for the choir include remodeling the choir loft and brainstorming with Russian School administrators and clergy on how best to encourage young people to learn to sing and to become capable Readers.

**Archpriest Stefan Pavlenko** was next on the agenda. He said that during services, he continues to pray for

Ukraine and for His Beatitude, Onophry, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine. During the 2023-24 year, there were a total of 4 baptisms, 2 marriages, and 13 funerals. He was also thankful for all the parishioners who faithfully do their jobs.

He thanked the following people: Alexei Achtar-Zadeh (Starosta Assistant), Kassiana Baranoff (collection plate carrier), Constantine Belonogoff (pelmeni group and Sisterhood helper), Ludmilla Bobroff (Newsletter Editor and pelmeni group), Oleg Bolshakoff (various projects), Pavel and Tatiana Denisov (cleaning), Alexei Fomitchev (various duties), Elena Gauschildt (Newsletter photographer), Eugenia Greiner (cleaning), Vova and Lana Kondrasheff (pelmeni group), Vasili Komashko (Pomianiki reading), Aleksey Kovalenko (wherever needed), Vladimir Lytnev (candlestand), Xenia Maximow (Newsletter design), Marina McKee (prosfora wrapping, Newsletter photographer, and welcome ambassador to new people), Margarita Mescherskaya (cleaning), Tatiana

Mihailoff (cleaning), Shura Ossipoff (candlestand and pelmeni group), Boris and Olga Parr (pelmeni group), Lena Wiant (compiling namesday lists), Kira Zarechnak (collection plate carrier).

Groups were also mentioned: Altar Servers, Andrei Alexeeff's Cleaning Group, Choir Members, Russian School teachers and volunteers, and Sisterhood members.

**Starosta Andrei Fedorov** thanked Alexei Kovalenko for teaching him the duties of Starosta during his first year in office and being available for completing many of the tasks himself. Contributions by the Stewards paid for electrical work in the altar, the gilding of the iconostasis, pest control, improvement of security, prevention of flooding during rainstorms, an upgrade of the video system, and a remodeling of the Narthex where the candlestand is located.





Future plans call for repairing the roof, replacing the cinderblock fence in the back with a spear point metal fence, painting the outside of the church, and adding security lights on the walkways.

**Head Sister Matushka Tatiana Pavlenko** reported that the Sisterhood prepared 11 lunches (one a month) while members of the pelmeni group made 24,000 pelmeni to sell over the course of the year. “We love what we do,” Matushka said, “and hope you can taste that love in the food.”



In addition, she reported that the Sisterhood has taken over the job of decorating the church with flowers, sewed new robes (stihari) for the altar servers for Pascha, made new cloths (analo) underneath icons, and sewed new vestments for the clergy for the 50th Anniversary celebration last year. The Sisterhood also served dinner at the Diocesan Conference held at Holy Virgin Cathedral in 2023.

**Treasurer Father Deacon Alexei Baranoff** presented a handout listing total income and expenses, along with bank balances. He said there was some confusion regarding being a Member with voting rights and being a Steward. He planned to set up information booths at events to explain the differences. (Dimitry Bobroff has also written an article on this topic in this Newsletter.)

In conclusion, Father Deacon Alexei stated he would like to see more altar servers get involved as well as their fathers.

**Olga Medvedko** said the Auditing Committee examined the church’s finances and approved them.

**Margarita Herzen, representing the Russian School,** gave her report in Russian. She explained that most of the 21 students, ranging in age from 4 to 15, speak Russian with difficulty or not at all. Consequently, the school has adapted a hybrid form of instruction with each teacher preparing a suitable program for their class, then switching from Russian to English, then back again.

The school would like to attract one or two more teachers in order to separate Russian-speaking students from English-only students for a more successful outcome.

Out of the 21 students, 16 are in-person students, arriving at the Church’s Main Hall at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and leaving at 7:30 p.m. Others are taught by Zoom. Despite the small number of students, 7 dedicated instructors teach classes, including Father Stefan who teaches Zakon Bozhii (the Law of God).

Besides the Russian language, history, literature, culture, and religion, there are also pleasant surprises, such as Snezhana Wilson, enriching

the children’s knowledge with videos, songs, coloring books and role-playing games. This year, the children also baked “zhavoronki” (larks) in celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation.

The 35th AKT with Awards and a Graduation Ceremony for Victoria Buick will be held on Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited.

After her report, Margarita Herzen announced that her time as an assistant to Father Stefan has expired and she is turning her duties over to Natalya Lytneva.

**Secretary Yura Misersky** announced the results of the election. The new Council Member is Alex Zarechnak. Voted onto the Church Council for another term of office are Tatiana Bolshakoff, Father Deacon Alexei Baranoff, and Yura Misersky. Yulya Voroninskaya joins Olga Medvedko and Elena Gauschieldt on the Auditing Committee.

Father Stefan concluded the meeting with a prayer. ■

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# WHY BE A PARISH MEMBER?

Dimitry Bobroff

The Church of All Russian Saints Parish in Burlingame is our spiritual community and God's House. Our responsibility is to care for its well-being: spiritually, financially, physically, and organizationally.

## **Spiritually:**

In order to be part of an Orthodox Church's spiritual community, one must regularly attend at least the Sunday Divine Services, observe prescribed fasts (including Wednesdays and Fridays), go to Confession and partake of Communion regularly. Ideally, one should also attend Saturday evening Vespers and All-Night Vigils, as well as weekday Feastdays. The correct terminology for the faithful is to participate in the church service, not just attend a church service.

## **Financially:**

Parishes in the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia do not receive any financial assistance from the government or any other authority. Each parish must raise finances strictly from its own resources.

Our parish expenses average \$220,000 per year to cover Archpriest Stefan's salary and upkeep, the choir director's salary, various insurances, utilities, repair and maintenance of the church building, etc.

We have been blessed by the generosity of parishioners and people attending our church. On the average, we have met most expenses through the sale of candles, collection plates during church services, donations by individuals, membership dues, and the rental income from the house next door.

## **Physically:**

Paraphrasing a popular quote, "It takes a village to have a successful parish". Thanks be to God, our parish has many such villagers (volunteers). Some belong to specific groups such as the Sisterhood, the Choir, the Parish Russian School, and the Parish Council. Other volunteers are less visible, but their jobs are nevertheless crucial: cleaning the church after services, reading the commemorative names prior to the Divine Liturgies, assisting the Starosta in various ways, and helping with many other duties which need to be done to make the parish run smoothly.

Our Church is God's House. As such, we should strive to adorn it as much as possible. Thanks to our very generous Stewards, we have been able to fund, through our Stewardship Program, major repairs (e.g. roof) and major improvements (e.g. gilding the cupolas and iconostasis).

## **Organizationally:**

There's a fundamental human need "to actively belong" to something or someone. Our parish is not just a spiritual community, it is also an organization that needs to be run and managed. According to our Church of All Russian Saints Parish By-Laws, the managing bodies are:

- A) The Annual General Meeting of the members of the parish (which are parishioners with paid-up dues).
- B) The Parish Council (Rector, Starosta, Treasurer, Secretary, Head Sister, and six lay members of the parish).
- C) The Auditing Committee (three members elected at the General Meeting for a term of one year).

All faithful who regularly attend the Church of All Russian Saints in Burlingame are invited to become active members of the Parish (i.e., "parishioners"), giving them the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish and to be selected for any of the positions on the Parish Council.

To become a member, please fill out the "Parish Membership Application Form" including the names of two current parish members who can recommend you. The completed application will be reviewed by the Parish Council and approved by Archpriest Stefan, Rector.

The Application Form can be found on our website <https://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/> by clicking on About Us/Parish Membership. Monthly membership dues are very nominal at \$20 per month if employed, or \$10 per month if retired. Family membership is \$30 per month if employed, or \$15 per month if both are retired.

Please read Part 3 of the "Church of All Russian Saints Parish By-Laws" as it pertains to Parishioners and Parish Members to determine if you meet the requirements for membership. The By-Laws can be found on our website <https://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/> by clicking on About Us/Parish By-Laws. ■





# LIFE STORY OF MARGARITA MESCHERSKAYA

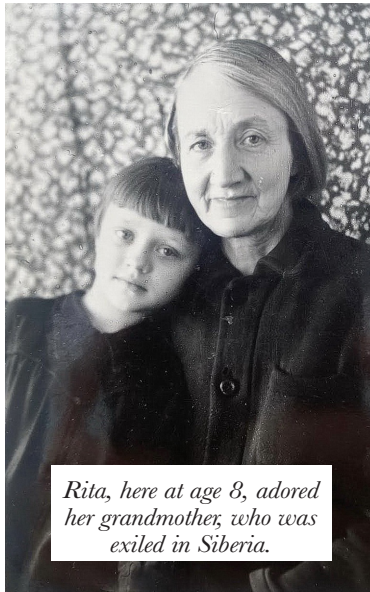
Anya Derugin



*Margarita Mescherskaya*

After 34 years of performing duties for the Sisterhood, plus cleaning weekly the Church, School, and Hall of the Church of All Russian Saints in Burlingame, California, Margarita Andreevna Mescherskaya has retired. Few parishioners know she is a descendant of a well-known poetess, Marina Tsvetaeva, whose work has been included in the Silver Age of Russian Literature. And she is the great granddaughter of Ivan Vladimirovich Tsvetaev (1847-1913) who founded the Museum of Fine Arts which was later renamed the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow.

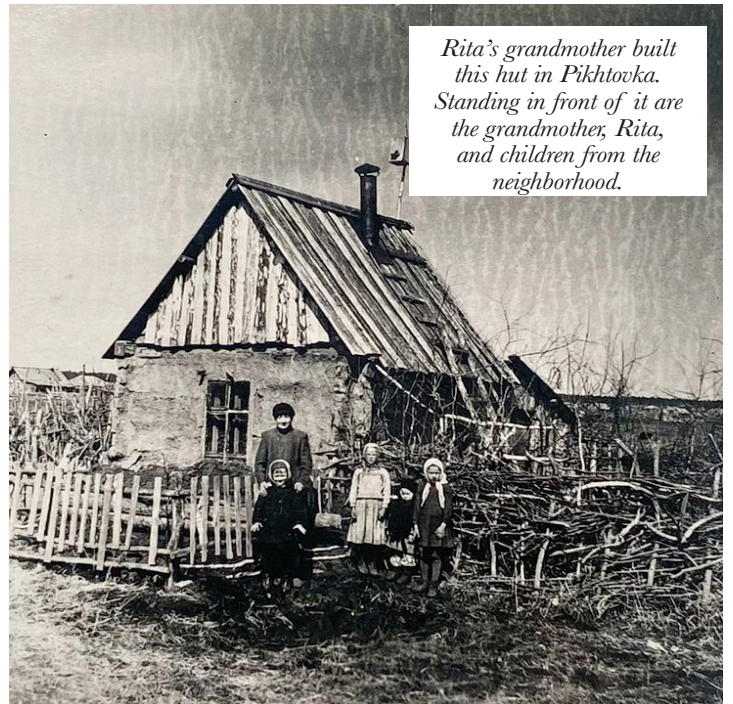
Margarita, lovingly called Rita, was born in 1947 in Sokol, Vologda Oblast of the Soviet Union. Even before her birth, tragedy enveloped the family. Her father, Andrey Borisovich Truhachev, and grandmother, Anastasiya Ivanovna Tsvetaeva, were arrested. The grandmother was sentenced to ten years for counter revolutionary activities and sent to the Amursky labor camp. Rita's father was sent to Karelia. They were released in 1947. Two years later, the grandmother was arrested again and exiled for life to Siberia. Rita's father was arrested again when Rita was 3 years and 8 months old. Since Rita was so young when this latest tragedy occurred,



*Rita, here at age 8, adored her grandmother, who was exiled in Siberia.*

the mother, Nina Andreevna Sharipova, had no choice but to go to Siberia and live in the village of Pikhtovka which was located on the other side of the village where the grandmother was in exile. Having to support her little daughter and a son, Gennady, from a previous marriage, Nina accepted whatever job she could find. Rita remembers how red and constantly achy were her mother's hands from working with raw wool to make "valenki" which were thick wool boots.

The living quarters for the grandmother were very primitive. She built an "izbushka" (a hut) for herself from wood, sand, clay, and manure. Winters were freezing, but at least her family was not far away and allowed to visit.



*Rita's grandmother built this hut in Pikhtovka. Standing in front of it are the grandmother, Rita, and children from the neighborhood.*

Rita's memories of those days were both pleasant and painful. She remembers her mother plowing the soil with a horse and preparing the dirt so that in spring, they could plant potatoes, turnips, beets, cabbage, carrots and cucumbers. During autumn, the family would pick mushrooms in the nearby forest, while in summer, they picked endless raspberries. Brother Gennady would climb up the Cedar trees and pluck off pine cones, dropping them to the ground for Rita to collect. The pine cones were then boiled to get the pine nuts out. To keep their chickens from pecking at their laid eggs, they would put caps on their heads. They also had a pig and rabbits.

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Rita dreaded the “salo” (lard) that her grandmother would give her to eat. She would then hide it between the floorboards. However, the little girl loved the poppies that grew in their garden, and enjoyed using her school book bag as a sled to slide down an icy hill.

The exiled grandmother Anastasiya was deeply religious. She would kneel on her knees and pray for three to four hours at night. She also made her own icons out of cardboard. At Christmas time, Anastasiya and Rita would make beads out of foil and decorate a Christmas tree. When the first star appeared on Christmas Eve, she would wake up Rita with the words, “Wake up, my darling, Christ is born!” The grandmother would always sing German Christmas carols which Rita continues to do in her memory.

When the little girl was four years old, the grandmother started teaching her French. Realizing Rita was not doing well with French, she switched to teaching her English. Then, seeing that her granddaughter had a talent for languages, she added French again to their lessons. Eventually, the little girl spoke three languages.

In 1953, Stalin died which brought the exile period for grandmother Anastasiya to an end. However, it took two years for her to officially learn she was released from exile. Rita’s father was released from prison in 1956 and moved his family from Piktovka to Bashkiria where he found work. It was there that Rita saw her first church, her first electric light bulb, and her first flushable toilet.

In 1957, the family moved to Kazakhstan where the father found an engineering job. Shortly afterward, Rita’s sister, Olga, was born. Joining them in Kazakhstan, grandmother Anastasiya started writing her memoirs. Rita’s father would poke fun at his mother, saying, “Who needs an old memoir when people are flying into space!”

Ignoring him, Anastasiya Ivanovna continued talking to Rita on all topics and about all people. She would explain what being an old maid meant or a hunchback. If Rita misbehaved, the grandmother would either make her stand on her knees on dried peas or she would mix oats with dry mouse droppings and make Rita sort out the oats. Rita attributes these punishments as lessons in humility.

In school, Rita did poorly in math and sciences. Then, between 6th and 8th grade, she had a teacher, Alla Nikolaevna, who never insulted slow learners. After giving them an assignment, the teacher would pay special attention to those students who had trouble understanding the concepts. Inspired by the teacher, Rita became the best student in math. She says she will never forget her moment of “enlightenment” when she fully understood mathematics. She felt as if she had broken out of her chains and even started helping other students.

In 1959, Rita’s grandmother finally returned to Moscow for her post-exile “rehabilitation.” Two years later, she was given a room in a communal apartment with 18 neighbors. Nevertheless, at age 80, she still ice skated with Rita whenever the granddaughter came for a visit from Kazakhstan. However, Anastasiya Ivanovna would never use an elevator because it reminded her of the cell where she would sit for 48 hours in solitary confinement while in prison.

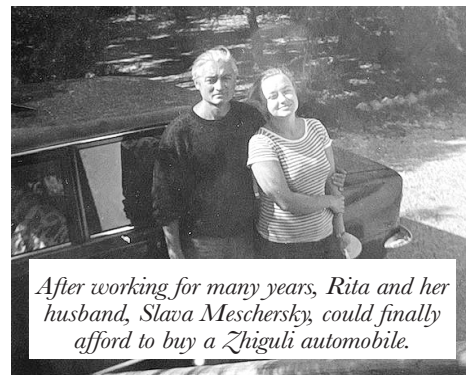
In 1966 at age 18, Rita enrolled in the Institute of Foreign Languages in Kazakhstan. She studied for four years and earned a teaching credential in English as well as a degree in nursing, which allowed her to be a nurse in reserve. After graduating, Rita started her career in linguistics as a translator at a tractor institute in Kazakhstan. She quit her job after a year, deciding to live in Moscow instead.

She met her future husband, Rostislav Mihailovich Meschersky when she was 12 years old. But only at age 23 was she formally “introduced” to him while being a guest at the Meschersky house with her grandmother. As they were departing, Rostislav lent Rita a sweater. After they returned home, the grandmother insisted that Rita return the sweater.

So began Rostislav’s “courtship” with Rita, which, by the fifth meeting, turned into a proposal. Rita was caught off guard when he asked her to marry him and responded by saying, “I will ask my mother and father.” Rostislav answered back, “If your parents say no, then you won’t marry me?”

In 1970, they married in the Caucasus Mountains and went mountain skiing on their honeymoon. Later, they had an official wedding in a home church officiated by Father Dmitrii Dudko. The priest was their spiritual father and close friend.

After working a short time at a psychiatric hospital in Moscow, Rita was hired to be an Intourist interpreter, traveling to



*After working for many years, Rita and her husband, Slava Meschersky, could finally afford to buy a Zhiguli automobile.*

different Republics for work. On one such business trip in 1973, she traveled to Kiev to interpret at a European Equestrian Competition where she also interpreted for Princess Anne of Great Britain, who was competing.

Both Rostislav and Rita traveled often for work. Rostislav was a Doctor of Biological Sciences at the Institute of Psychology at the Academy of Sciences in Moscow. After their daughter, Olga, was born in 1976, Rita’s parents would take care of the little girl while they were traveling for work. Sadly, Rostislav passed away in 1986 unexpectedly when Olga was not quite ten years old.





After her husband's repose, it became increasingly difficult for Rita to make ends meet. She was invited by a number of Canadians and Americans to come for visits, which she did. One couple was especially helpful. The wife, named Garnet, asked Rita point blank, "Do you want me to help you stay here in the U.S., yes or no?"

For the first time in her life, Rita made a quick decision and said yes. Garnet arranged a flight for Rita and teenage Olga to fly to San Francisco. On December 16, 1989, they arrived. Garnet lived in Hillsborough and Rita was overcome with the winter beauty of California. The weather, the palm trees, the roses, everything was green, especially in beautiful Hillsborough.

Garnet offered to pay for a one bedroom apartment in Burlingame for six months. After getting settled, Rita found her way to the Church of All Russian Saints. While there, she met Irina Bogoslovsky who offered her the job of cleaning the church weekly for \$120 per month. Since that was not enough to support herself and her daughter, Rita also found jobs working in a bakery, helping to care for the elderly through In Home Support Services, and cleaning people's houses. Seeing that Rita was a very hard worker, Garnet extended her rent payments for a second six months.



*Rita's family was thrilled to receive a food package after Rita immigrated to the U.S. Left to right are her mother Nina, her father Andrey, her grandmother Anastasiya, her sister Olga, and her brother, Gennady, in front.*

As soon as Rita finally earned some extra money, she sent a 100 kilogram "food package" to her parents and grandmother in Russia in time for Christmas. An Australian airline employee, who became a friend, made sure the box cleared customs and was delivered to the correct home address. Upon opening the gift, Rita's family was overwhelmed with joy. But less than three years after Rita and Olga came to America, Rita's father, Andrey Borisovich Truhachev, passed away in January 1993, her grandmother, Anastasiya Ivanovna Tsvetaeva, in September 1993, and her mother, Nina Andreevna Sharipova, in 1994.

Now, there was no turning back and Rita continued to work hard. After taking computer classes at the Computer Learning Center, she became a teacher's assistant there, then an interpreter for Kelly Temporary Services, AT&T Language Line, and Pacific Interpreters. Not once did she abandon her job of cleaning the Church.



Today, daughter Olga runs her own Airbnb in New Orleans and does home design and catering. Rita's sister, also named Olga, lives with her husband and family in Montana. Brother Gennady continues to live in Kazakhstan.

When asked why she never quit the job of cleaning the Burlingame Church for close to 34 years, Rita says, "Being in Church alone among the icons of the Saints is the greatest comfort in my life. While sitting quietly in prayer after cleaning, I can always feel the presence of God and the Saints. For me, the Church of All Russian Saints isn't just a church where I attend and work. It is my home." ■

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## CONGRATULATIONS VICTORIA BUICK

The one and only graduate this year from the Parish Russian School is Victoria Buick. The 15-year-old young lady is graduating with Honors after completing ten years in the bilingual program. She started as a kindergartener at age 5 and was initially taught by Alla Vladimirovna Avisova, then later by Margarita Grigorievna Herzen. She excelled in the bilingual program right from the start.



*Graduate Victoria Buick*

Victoria appreciates all of her teachers and says she has enjoyed the small, personalized classes the program has offered her. She has wonderful memories of dressing up at Yolka performances as a bee, a bird, even an owl, as she participated with classmates in the annual productions.

Victoria is a sophomore at Notre Dame High School and plans to attend college in two years. "I have learned the value of knowing Russian as many key components of my faith and culture fall within this language," she says. "I can better understand history, literature, and traditions in ways that would not have been possible if I had not participated in this school."

Since Victoria is the only graduate, the Burlingame Russian School is not planning a White Ball for her. Instead, she has been invited to be the guest of our Altar Server Andrei Lytnev who is graduating from the Saints Cyril and Methodius Gymnasium in San Francisco. Their White Ball is scheduled for Sunday, June 2 at 5 p.m. at the Holy Virgin Cathedral Hall in San Francisco. Attendance is by invitation only. Andrei and Victoria have already started rehearsing the specially choreographed First Dance which opens the White Ball. ■

## SPRING ACTIVITIES AT RUSSIAN SCHOOL

Margarita Herzen

Our small but creative Parish Russian School has had a busy Spring. Along with classroom instruction on academics and Zakon Bozhii ("The Law of God"), students participated in hands-on learning about Russian traditions. For Maslenitsa, they fried and feasted on blini. To celebrate Annunciation, they prepared and baked "zhavoronki," (little Lenten buns in the shape of nesting larks), selling them to parishioners to benefit the school.

To illustrate stories about Old Slavic folk heroes, guest teacher Snezhana Wilson conducted role-playing activities with the help of teenagers Andrei Lytnev and Andrei Wilson. The spirited children enjoyed the new experience very much. Similarly, parents have been helpful preparing Lenten snacks for the children to reinforce Orthodox dietary rules during Lent.

AKT, our traditional end-of-school-year ceremony, is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. After Father Stefan serves a Moleben, awards will be presented to students, followed by a graduation ceremony for Victoria Buick, our one and only graduate this year. In addition, music teacher, Anna Derugin will lead the children in a songfest, and there will be a Pushkin-themed all student school play, directed by Irene Bogoslovsky. ■

*(For a biography on Victoria Buick, see the adjoining article.)*

## YOUTH SOCIAL CLUB!

With the blessing of Father Stefan, Bill Gilchrist is organizing a Parish social club for youth, ages 16 to 20. There will be fun activities and get-togethers within and outside the Diocese. Its purpose is to foster lasting friendships plus active involvement and interest in the church.

Please contact [BilltheGil@aol.com](mailto:BilltheGil@aol.com) if your teenager is interested in participating or you have suggestions for activities.

Trial period will be this summer.





## UPCOMING EVENTS MAY + JUNE

SINCE THE NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE PRODUCED IN JULY AND AUGUST, PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON SERVICES AND EVENTS.  
[HTTP://ALLRUSSIANSAINTSBURLINGAME.ORG/](http://allrussiansaintsburlingame.org/)

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**  
PASCHA

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**  
SISTERHOOD LUNCH

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**  
AKT AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE CHURCH HALL  
RUSSIAN SCHOOL AWARDS AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, AND SUNDAY, JUNE 9**  
RUMMAGE SALE  
PLEASE DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION, AS WELL AS SHOES AND HIGH QUALITY CLOTHING. BRING TO THE CHURCH HALL AFTER PASCHA.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**  
PENTECOST  
BARBECUE PREPARED BY THE SISTERHOOD

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29**  
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLORIFICATION OF ST. JOHN OF SHANGHAI AND SAN FRANCISCO  
HOLY VIRGIN CATHEDRAL  
SAN FRANCISCO

**SUNDAY, JULY 14**  
CHURCH FEAST DAY

**PELMENI-MAKING SESSION**  
MAY 30

IF YOU CAN HELP, COME TO THE CHURCH HALL  
ANYTIME BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M.  
CALL LUBA GAUSCHIEDT FOR MORE INFORMATION  
(650) 591-1605

### CHURCH HALL FOR RENT

OUR CHURCH HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR DIFFERENT OCCASIONS: CHRISTENINGS, BAPTISMS, POMINKI (AFTER-BURIAL SERVICE), BIRTHDAY PARTIES. DANCING IS NOT ALLOWED. RENTAL COST IS \$300 FOR PARISH MEMBERS AND \$350 FOR NON-PARISH MEMBERS. TABLE CLOTHS AND UTENSILS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR RENT. CALL MATUSHKA TATIANA AT (650) 438-9806 OR LUBA GAUSCHIEDT AT (415) 706-1605 FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION.

## 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/>

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## BAPTIZED/MARRIED/ REPOSED IN THE LORD

**FEBRUARY 2024**

NONE

**MARCH 2024**

NONE

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*Nina Baratoff dances to the music of Vladimir Riazantsev and his musicians.*



*The Haislip twins and Elias Fei watch the adults dance.*



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*Members of the choir sing popular Russian songs.*



*Irene Bogoslovsky and Tania Ionoff are in charge of the side dishes.*



*Starosta and also Teacher at the Russian School, Andrei Fedorov, cooks on the barbecue grill.*



# CHILDREN'S KULICH FAIRE



*During Divine Liturgy, children lined up for Holy Communion.*



*Grandfather Kosya Belonogoff helps his three Bogatsky grandsons.*



*Afterward, over two dozen children decorated their own small kulichi.*

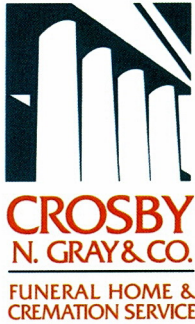


*Savannah Andruha and Kassiana Baranoff show their culinary creations.*



*Adults enjoyed sweets at the Kulich Faire.*





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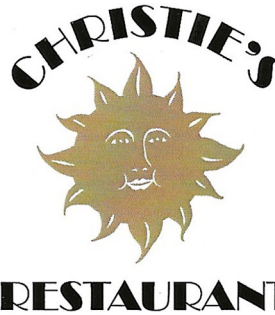
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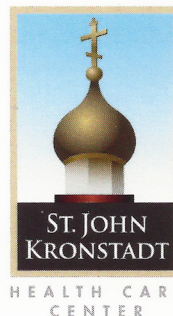


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