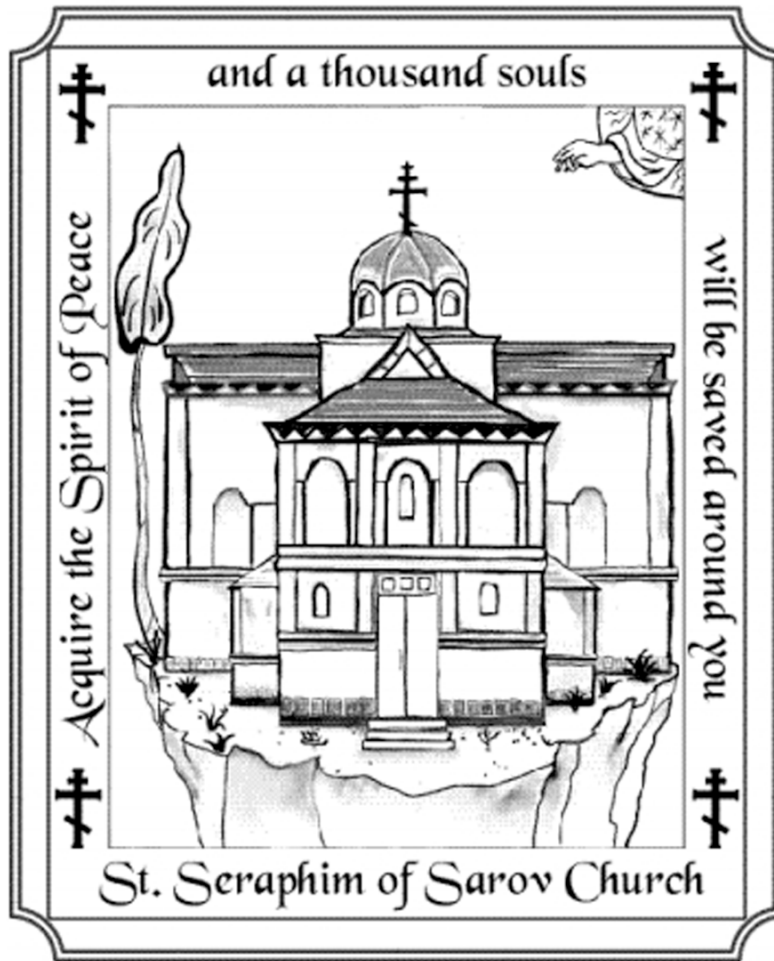


# 2010 ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

February 7, 2010



## The Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Parish

The Orthodox Church in America • Diocese of the West  
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, Archbishop of Wash. & NY  
His Grace, Rt. Rev. Benjamin, Bishop of SF & the West  
Archpriest Lawrence Margitich, Rector  
Archpriest Michael Margitich, Pastor Emeritus  
Priest John Schettig, Priest John Ramos, attached  
Rev. Deacon Jeremiah Crawford, Rev. Deacon Nicholas Carr

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## AGENDA FOR 2010 MEETING

1. Call to Order ~ Opening Prayers:  
“O Heavenly King & *Prayer*”, “Memory Eternal”, “Many Years”
2. Appointment of Recording Secretary, Chairman, Parliamentarian and Tellers
3. Count to Establish Quorum (56 members minimum need to be present)
4. Review of Agenda—listing of any other new business and/or Forum topics
5. Acceptance/Correction of Minutes from previous Annual Meeting of February 8, 2009
6. Reports—additional comments:
  - a. Rector’s Report
  - b. Treasurer’s Report
  - c. Sisterhood Report
  - d. Choir Report
  - e. Auditors’ Report
  - f. Additional Oral Reports, or comments about any of the written reports
7. New Business:
  - a. Consideration and adoption of 2010 Budget (**pp** )
  - b. Nominations & Elections for Parish Council
  - c. Nominations & Elections for Auditors
  - d. Nominations and Election of Delegates for Diocesan Assembly in October
  - e. Nomination of Honorary Life Time Member
  - f. Parish Needs
  - g. Any other new business (to be listed at beginning of Meeting)
  - h. Open Forum
  - i. Report of Elections
  - j. Adjournment - “It is Truly Meet” and Parish *Troparion* (last page)

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

A quorum for our Annual Meeting is 50%+1. For this meeting that means **56** since we currently show 110 members. Last year we reported to the Diocese of the West (OCA) that we had 107 members. In 2008 we reported *124 supporting members*. Our current level shows this significant decrease for three reasons: members moving out of area, some members unable to offer financial support to due job situations and funerals.

We report our membership count to the Diocese. For **each member we report as having** we pay a tithe of our parish budget to the Diocese of the West and a “head tax” to the Central Administration of the OCA.

Last year the total, combined tithe, from our parish was \$24,679. Your tithe at work! It’s a commonly understood fact in the OCA that the “head tax”—the payment we make to the OCA for each member we report, is not at all scriptural nor is it conducive to reporting the actual membership numbers. We all pray for the day in which each parish will give a tithe based on income/expenses rather than the number of members; and then each diocese will tithe on that to the Central Administration of the OCA.

The *Statutes* of the Orthodox Church in America state that the “parish is a local community of the Church having at its head a duly appointed priest and consisting of Orthodox Christians who live in accordance with the teachings of the Orthodox Church, comply with the discipline and rules of the Church, and regularly support their parish.” (pg. 36, *Statutes of the OCA*) The *Statutes* continue with a definition of what it means to be a parishioner:

- a. **Parishioners are those who**, by virtue of their Baptism and Chrismation, are members of the Body of Christ and strive to live in accordance with their high calling (Ephesians 4:1) as Orthodox Christians. No one can be a member of the parish if he openly betrays the doctrine, morals and liturgical life of the Orthodox Church, or if he leads a life or acts in a manner condemned by the Holy Canons as incompatible with the name of Orthodox Christian.
- b. A “Voting Member” of the parish: [as defined in Article X, Section 5(a)]
  1. is at least eighteen years of age
  2. partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion in his home parish at least once a year [*wouldn't it make more sense to say 'on a regular basis' rather than 'once a year'?*];
  3. attends the parish for a period as may be fixed by the parish [*our by-laws state 'thirty days'*];
  4. regularly fulfills such financial obligations as may be established by the All-American Councils, the Diocesan Assemblies, and the parish
    - a. [**members are encouraged to make a pledge/tithe of their treasure, their time and their talents, based on a percentage of their income**]

• HONARARY LIFE-TIME MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH •

**Living:**

Archpriest Michael & Matushka Eleanor Margitich  
Sophie Silverman (living on Martha's Vineyard, MA.)  
Musya Sakovich  
Zoya Drake  
Petar & Eugenia Griovski  
Andrew Skidoos  
Nina Antipova (2008)  
Barbara Owens (2009)

**Reposed:**

Alex Sokol (†1991)  
Eugenia Vorobey (†2000)  
Leonid Sakovich (†2001)  
Katya Balazki (†2003)  
Alexandra Hrenoff (†2004)  
Magda Sokol (†2004)  
Olga Canyuch (†2005)  
Eugene Gordenev (†2005)  
Sarah Ingenito (†2009)

The names above are listed in our records. Please inform the Council Secretary if there are omissions to the list. While the By-laws of the parish state that an honorary member may be elected each year, it seems that the practice to do so began only during the pastorate of Fr. Michael Margitich in 1995.

## PARISH MINISTRIES DURING 2009

**Council Members who served during 2009:**

*Starosta:* Serge Anderson; *Parish Treasurer:* Petar Griovski, *Council Secretary:* Bonny Alexander, Samuel Coon, Joseph Marino, Lew Baer, March Richardson, Denise Pellizzer, Debbie Buse. Kent McMillian & Paul Burch—alternates

**Church School Coordinator:** Lara Anderson

**Choir Director:** Nicolas Craig Custer; Justin Margitich, *assistant*

**Tonsured Readers:** Patrick Wilkes, Paul Burch, Vincent Rossi, Nilus Veenis, Justin Margitich, Nicolas Custer

**Subdeacon:** Marc Richardson

**Sacristan/Altar care:** Nilus Veenis

**Greeters:** Joseph and Judith Gumper

**Pastor's Secretary:** Alla Keyes

**Youth Coordinators:** Laurel Counts—High School

**Bookstore Manager:** Bonnie (*interim*), Dana, James and Gretchen

**Charity Committee Coordinator:** *vacant*

**Glendi Coordinators for 2009:** Eugenia Griovski, Julie Wycoff, Fr. Lawrence

**Scrip Director:** Shenina

**Funeral Arrangements:** Brigid Sturgeon, Shenina, Christina DeMichael, Bonnie Alexander

**Sunday Lunch Coordinator:** Eleni Rose

**Auditor:** Ole Kern, Juliana Veenis

**Temple Floral Decorations:** Natalie Hansen

**Vestment Maker:** Kristine Tellefsen, Zoya Drake, Genevieve Richardson

**Librarian:** Lara Anderson, Denise Pellizzer, *interim*

**Outdoor Maintenance:** *vacant*      **Facilities Maintenance:** *vacant*

**Church Cleaning Coordinator:** Nilus Veenis

**Garden:** Gretchen McPherson, Ann Margitich

# MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

*Held on Sunday, February 8, 2009*

## 1. Call to Order – Opening Prayers

- a. The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. with the singing of “O Heavenly King” followed by “Memory Eternal” for all of the parishioners who have fallen asleep in the Lord. “Many Years” was sung for the parishioners and then Father Lawrence gave the Opening Prayer.

## 2. Appointment of Recording Secretary, Chairman, Parliamentarian and Tellers

- a. Bonnie Alexander was nominated by Fr. Lawrence to serve as recording secretary; Steven Pellizzer was introduced as Chairman of today’s meeting. The tellers for the meeting will be Serge Anderson, Lydia Nicholson and Dn. Nicholas Carr. Sam Coon was appointed Parliamentarian.

## 3. Count to Establish Quorum (55 members minimum)

- a. A count was made determining 65 members were in attendance – quorum was met.

## 4. Review of Agenda – Call for any additions, none forthcoming.

## 5. Minutes of February 3, 2008 Annual Meeting

- a. Since the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were published and distributed prior to today’s meeting, they were not read. The minutes were received as is.

## 6. Reports

- a. **Rector’s Report:** Fr. Lawrence pointed out that we are a community and that our unity is important and requires work to maintain. As our church grows, it is possible that cell division takes place resulting in small groups that don’t connect with each other. Our goal is to overcome this and maintain our unity. He expressed thanks to each parishioner; he has never seen a parish with such love, goodness and support.
- b. **Starosta’s Report:** Serge Anderson will speak to the Master Plan later. Fr. Lawrence expressed thanks to Serge for all his work for the parish.
- c. **Treasurer’s Report:** Petar Griovski thanked all the parishioners who pay their stewardship. He pointed out a typo on page 14 of his report. “Hall Rental/Cottage-Duplex Rental” should not be where it is.
- d. **Sisterhood Treasurer Report:** Genvieve Richardson reported that all existing officers have agreed to stay on for another year.
- e. **Glendi Report: Organizational Flowchart:** Ann Wilkes is stepping down as chair of the Glendi. Three meetings have been held in the last month to carefully examine the workings of the Glendi and to create a real team effort rather than overloading several individuals. Flowchart will be presented soon.
- f. **Charity Committee Report:** Kent McMillan reported that \$21,000 was distributed to people in need this year—almost double last year’s disbursements. We will withhold 20% of all charity contributions to establish an emergency fund for our parish in case a disaster strikes. Tatiana Castillo expressed thanks to everyone who contributed.

g. **Master Plan Report—Serge Anderson and Seraphim Ranney:** Our attention was brought to the Master Plan diagram in the back of the room. Seraphim was thanked for his Herculean efforts in the creation of the Master Plan. Any questions or thoughts are welcome and should be directed to the clergy or parish council members. This is a dynamic document and nothing is set in stone. The first priority is the main church; second is taking care of all the people who are the church. Everyone should fill out the Parish Life Participation Form included in the book of annual reports—even those who have been here for many years.

#### 7. Oral Reports/Comments on Written Reports

- a. **Church School** – Lara Anderson expressed thanks to all the teachers and gratefulness for the increase in attendance and participation by older children. She also thanked the parish for supporting the church school projects and activities (St. Nicholas party; Palm Sunday plant sale, etc.) Steve Pellizzer expressed thanks to Lara for her leadership of the Church School
- b. **High School**—Laurel Counts will release a schedule of activities to help the parents plan for their families’ participation.
- c. **St. Seraphim Club**—Alexandra Harrison thanked Fr. Lawrence for the opportunity to pursue this activity for the children. She is trying to develop broader participation.
- d. **Bookstore**—Kristine Tellefson is stepping down as manager of the bookstore. Thanks were offered for her service over the past several years. Bonnie Alexander has volunteered to step in as interim manager. We need a volunteer to assume the managerial duties.
- e. **Icons**—Fr. Lawrence spoke about the progress of the frescoes and pointed out that there are fifteen more commissioned and ready for production. We are fortunate to have such a gifted painter; he is recognized in academia and the art world as a very talented artist. Lew Baer pointed out that St. Nilus is missing from the list of completed frescoes on page 33. It will be added, as it was commissioned some time ago.
- f. **Sisterhood**—Barbara Owens is very sick. Fr. Lawrence challenges us to alleviate any worries she might have about the Sisterhood continuing to work successfully. Fr. Lawrence proposes a Resolution in support and honor of Barbara Owens, expressing our love and gratitude for her many years of extraordinary service to the parish.

#### 8. New Business

- a. **2009 Budget** – Sarah Ingenito moved for acceptance of the 2009 budget; Mat. Ann Margitich seconded. Serge pointed out Peter Griovski’s exceptional contribution as a financial advisor and treasurer of the church and thanked him for his efforts. He will be retiring some day; need replacement. Budget approved unanimously and without comment.
- b. **Nomination of Lifetime Honorary Membership**—Fr. Lawrence announced Sarah Ingenito as the Lifetime Honorary Member of the parish for this year.
- c. **Nominations & Elections for Parish Council** – The Parish Council consists of nine members and two alternates. The terms of four current council members are not expiring: Serge Anderson, Bonnie Alexander, Sam Coon and Petar Griovski. Paul Burch, Dee Skikos, Lew Baer, Vince Rossi, Denise Pellizzer, Kent McMillian, Debbie Buse, Mark Richardson and Joseph Marino were nominated. We need to elect four members plus two alternates. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots were distributed and collected by the Tellers.



- d. **Nominations & Elections for Auditors** Juliana Veenis and Ole Kern will be appointed as auditors for this year. Unanimously approved.
- e. **Diocesan Assembly** Fr. Lawrence reported that Bishop Benjamin wants the next Diocesan Assembly to be held at St. Seraphim (2.5 days of meetings; several services; at least 2 hierarchical liturgies; hosting the Diocesan Council) first week in October. This will entail lots of work on the part of the parish. Expenses will be covered by registration fees.
- f. **Litany**—A prayer was offered for the health of Barbara Owens

## 9. Open Forum

- a. Lew Baer spoke of the Beatnik Poetry Night scheduled for this Friday night and encourages those who have not paid for their tickets to pay as soon as possible
- b. Fr. John Schettig reiterated Fr. Lawrence’s comments about the love and cohesion apparent in our parish and spoke of our reputation in other parishes around the country.
- c. Fr. Lawrence thanked Alla Keyes, for her service as his secretary.
- d. Fr. Michael encouraged everyone to sing during liturgies.
- e. Basil Harrison thanked the parish for the warm welcome and the way his family has been embraced by the parish.
- f. Natalie Hansen pointed out that St. Seraphim’s is a miracle that took root with Fr. Michael Margitich having a vision of the Virgin Mary in the vineyard. Thanks to Fr. Michael for making it happen.
- g. Tatiana Castillo pointed out that the cathedral in Seattle is using a picture of our bells to inspire their parishioners to contribute to bells for their parish.
- h. Laurel Counts asked for prayer for our teens because of the choices that are offered to our young people out in the world. Thanks were expressed to Laurel for her work with our teens.
- i. Steve Pellizzer expressed thanks to Fr. Michael for instilling in his children, and especially Fr. Lawrence, love for orthodoxy and the discipline to live it. Thanks to all the clergy and their families for all they give for our Parish.
- j. Lara Anderson thanked Fr. Lawrence and all the priests for the many services.
- k. Patrick Wilkes expressed heartfelt thanks to Fr. Lawrence on behalf of the congregation.

## 10. Report of Elections—The following were elected to the Parish Council:

- a. **Members**—Lew Baer, Denise Pellizzer, Debbie Buse, Subdeacon Marc Richardson and Joseph Marino
- b. **Alternates**—Kent McMillan and Paul Burch.

## 11. Adjournment—Following a motion to adjourn by Sarah Ingenito that was seconded by Paul Burch and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. with the singing of “It is Truly Meet” and the Troparion of the Protection of the Holy Virgin.

## RECTOR'S REPORT TO THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Reverend Fathers:

Once again I have the pleasure of presenting my annual pastoral report and other comments pertaining to the general membership of this parish. I'd like to say a few words about our gathering together as one Body, the Church under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

We read in Acts chapter 2 that the followers of Christ "gathered together in one accord in one place." To have "one accord" means to have, literally, one heart, one mind. When the Church gathers with "one accord"—whether the flock be little, as in the twelve Disciples, or great—that oneness is a spiritual unity and oneness with, and in, Jesus Christ. This is indeed a very great gift from the Lord, because it is unique in the entire world, it is a gift from above.

Throughout my ministry in this parish, my preaching and teaching have emphasized this very point, "not with excellency of speech or of wisdom" (I Cor. 2), but with words of the Scriptures and the Lives of the Saints. I have made a concerted effort to preach the Lordship of Christ over the Church and that we are members of His Body and therefore, of one another. That means that you are I confess Him as Lord, and in this confession—which is something we *do*—we are given the gift of the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3), and we are saved from death and from sin to everlasting life in the Resurrection.

Those who are united to the Body of Christ, through the sacraments (mysteries) of Baptism and Chrismation, are joined in the same way that members of our body are united together. To quote St. Paul: "We who are many are one Body in Christ and individually members of one another." (Romans 12:5) The New Testament mentions the Church over one hundred times. In spite of the fact that Christ founded the Church as the place of newness of life, the fountain of rebirth by water and the Holy Spirit, it is not unusual to hear and read about a "churchless Christianity" or "Christ without the Church." The Orthodox teaching regarding this issue is clear. Outside the Church and without the Church, Christian life as taught by the scriptures is impossible. Just as the faith in the Church is inseparably linked with the confession of the divinity in Christ as Savior, so it is equally true that the denial of the *Church's sanctity, holiness and unerring truth* unfailingly leads to the distortion of Christ's ministry and teaching. We can trust the Church, because She is not only human (us) but divine (Jesus).

Those who live in Christ do not have the option of being apart from the Church anymore than one of our arms or legs have the option to exist apart from the body. The Church is the sanctifying realm of the Holy Spirit and through our liturgical life we inherit a share in Christ's holiness and salvation and become "Partakers of Divine Nature." (2 Peter 1:4)

We may in fact fall away from this vision of unity in our day to day, and week to week living out of the Orthodox Faith, by trying to maintain our separateness, our individuality, by sinning and not repenting. We are the weaker for it as a parish, and as persons. Truly strive to be members of one another in Jesus Christ so that what we say we believe about the Gospel and about the "new creation" in Jesus Christ that we claim to be, will be in fact the reality. Do all you can to help one another, forgive one another, prefer and affirm each other, encourage one another in virtue and faith, demonstrating that the Lord's gift of unity to the Church is one of love.

Practically speaking, everyone's efforts and work at the Church praying, working, and supporting are important, especially when we see how much the year-to-year Parish Membership fluctuates. It's rather alarming to see how membership changed in the last ten years. In the year 2000 we recorded a membership of 111 active adults; this year we claim 110 members.

Comparing the 2000 list with the 2010 list, we see that there are only 54 people whose names appear on both lists. That represents quite an attrition rate! Where did those 56 people go?

10 of those people reposed in the Lord, and were buried here or in another location.

15 of these folks moved to another city and still attend church, we can hope.

5 no can longer support the parish financially, and because we have to tithe to the Diocese for those names, we unfortunately cannot include them in our membership list until the OCA changes its very retro head tax approach.

Sadly, of that group of 56 people no longer in our parish, **26 have left the Orthodox Faith. 26!**—hopefully they will return someday, by your prayers and the intercessions of the Theotokos. If I or any one else in the parish is responsible in any way at all for the loss of those that have left us—for they were once newly-baptized, with bright faces, embraced by all of us—then may the Lord forgive us, and restore these good people back to His Holy Church.

It’s clear that everything we do here is important. Everything we do at home, at work and during our leisure hours is important.

Looking at all of this I can only I thank God for the 54 people who are still here in the Church, making Her strong by their faith, devotion, love and support. I can only thank God that He has sent us 55 more believers who are here to save their souls and glorify God. Church growth “experts” tell us that church membership increases in increments. Growing from 110 to 150 is apparently a very difficult task, and these numbers offer some proof toward that.

I thank you for the great honor of serving as the rector of this Parish. It’s a blessing to be a priest, in fact, according to the teaching of the Church, there is no higher and greater thing that a person can do. I ask for your forgiveness, ahead of Lent, for all my great faults, the many things I have neglected to do, and the many things I have just done poorly. We have an incredibly talented, pious and dedicated membership, the hardest working, most able and God-loving Parish Council and staff one could ask for, the most beautiful Temple anywhere in which to glorify God, the most accomplished choir and director and the most attentive Sisterhood, who make the parish a family, care for it’s beautification in the Church, the Hall and the grounds. I want to especially offer my thanks to God for the Clergy who serve here—for they are bright icons of the Lord Jesus Christ, and love His holy sacrificial Christian love. Truly, unless you’ve gone away from the parish to other locales and returned, you may take it all these treasures for granted.

Here follow some statistics and information for the last year:

**Baptisms and/or Chrismations in 2009: 8 (last year 18) \***

Muna Elizabeth Zewdi Moges	March 21, 2009
Dana Ames	June 7, 2009
Heaven Teshome Bahre	June 20, 2009
Ashley Marie Collins	July 26, 2009
Ambrose Jerome Brodeur	Sept. 5, 2009
Cyrus Oommen Alexander	Sept. 26, 2009
Zahra Suzahn Alexander	Sept. 26, 2009
Zachary Hadish	October 6, 2009

**Marriages: 5 (last year 3)**

Tatiana & Miguel Castillo	May 17, 2009
Sean & Erin Studer	May 23, 2009
Fayez & Irene Michail	July 28, 2009
Marina & Evan Glanville	October 4, 2009
Claudia & Ethan Jennings	October 11, 2009

**Funerals: 6 (last year 5)**

	<b>Date of Death</b>
Olga Belenkoff	March 24, 2009
Irene Enger	August 2, 2009
Sara Ingenito	August 25, 2009
Nina Holman	August 26, 2009
Vlasis Anton Baker	August 30, 2009
Christine Bonos	August 30, 2009
John Stewart	November 14, 2009

**Adult Catechumens: 9 (2 children)**

Isaiah McCloud, Shiloh Sophia McCloud, Mary Cross, Ryan Isaac Ferguson, Adriel, Jeff and Jupiter Ahearn, Cheryl Cinnamon, Sarah, Garrett and Rowan Beatrice Hamner (expecting to enroll other Catechumens very soon)

\* A remark or two about the number of baptisms last year and this year are in order. In 2009 there were 18 baptisms/chrisiations, of that number 12 were children, 6 adults. Only 2 of the 12 children are ever seen (rarely would be an improvement) at the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Thankfully 5 of the 6 adults are solid, regular, sacramentally involved Christians. As you all know, adult catechumens attend classes, have a required reading list, attend classes and must attend both Saturday Vespers and Liturgy on Sunday, as well as the Presanctified on Wednesdays of Lent. This course of studies is one of commitment and thus, learning. However, it seems obvious to me that we are lacking in teaching those that come to us asking for the baptism of their child.

So, from henceforth, parents who wish to have their children baptized here will be offered classes on baptism in order to help them understand the beautiful and extraordinary Mystery of dying and rising with Jesus Christ in baptism, and the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Chrismation. Issues regarding raising a child in the faith will be thoroughly discussed. In addition, the implications of Church membership regarding tithing, the Holy Mysteries and Church involvement will be clearly explained. As a pastor, it's my duty to ensure that those who are baptized are given the tools they need to remain Orthodox, and grow into the full stature of the new man, the new woman, in Christ.

**Some miscellaneous accomplishments during 2009:**

- Construction and landscaping of Forecourt per design
- Tinting of floor in St. Seraphim
- Maintenance and replacement of drip system lines throughout lot and gardens
- Gardening expanded and improved thanks to Matushka Ann, Gretchen McPherson, Nicolas Custer and others who contributed their time and money
- Shower installed in the Hall closet

- Annual Glendi organized
- Arranged all liturgical items for the Divine Liturgy at Fort Ross on July 4
- Hosted the Diocesan Assembly in early October, just three weeks after the Glendi
- Our Sisterhood organized a number of funeral memorial meals, which offers great consolation and help to the grieving families
- The High School Group is up and running, thanks to the efforts of a number of teens and parents. This is a great milestone in our parish, and we should be so very grateful to God for helping us in this area
- Established a regular, consistent and working Prospora Baking team. Many thanks to Matushka Xenia and her dedicated crew.
- Our Library has been expanded and improved thanks to the Parish Warden, his wife Lara, Denise Pellizzer, Gabriella Errante (now in Novato) and others
- Sunday School classes were held during the year, and we thank all those wonderful and dedicated teachers and assistants who make all this possible each week. God bless you!
- The parish office was run extraordinarily well this year by Alla Keyes, who in addition to her normal Tuesday through Saturday duties took on the shipping of the choir CDs, responsibility for its financial accounts, as well as other duties
- Sunday meals
- Sunday BBQs were held on a regular basis during the summer months, giving the parishioners time to enjoy each other's company
- The Parish was extraordinarily generous in giving for Charitable needs—see the report below.
- Hosted Architect Andrew Gould to review and move master plan to next level
- Rectory: wooden floors refinished, carpets replaced, walls painted thanks to Parish Warden and crew
- Septic holding tanks were repaired and improved
- Installed new well at next door duplex
- Installed extra motion sensors to increase our security at night
- Hosted two Poetry evenings—a big success thanks to V. And N. Baer
- Large fresco of Nativity painted (our iconographer had shoulder surgery, thus limiting the program in 2009)
- Sisterhood events, as usual
- Hosted Seminary intern for 2-1/2 weeks in summer
- Other activities that do not appear in this list may be mentioned at the meeting

*“...let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap,  
if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9)*

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church**  
**YTD Expenses & Annual Budget**  
 January through December 2009

3:23 PM  
 01/17/2010  
 Cash Basis

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan - Dec 09	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Building Fund Income</b>			
Donations to Blding Fund	76,281.11	60,000.00	127.14%
Glendi-Sisterhood	15,000.00	30,000.00	50.0%
Grounds Keeping Donations	2,045.50		
Interest on Checking account	2,174.88	950.00	228.94%
Margaret Sakovich Mem Trust	1,067.47	800.00	133.43%
Refund	360.00		
Rent Rec'd	0.00	1,800.00	0.0%
Special Donations	68,277.00	50,000.00	136.55%
<b>Total Building Fund Income</b>	<b>165,205.96</b>	<b>143,550.00</b>	<b>115.09%</b>
<b>Candles Income</b>	14,657.00	15,500.00	94.56%
<b>Cell Phone Reimbursement</b>	1,143.77		
<b>Charity Rec'd</b>	23,583.75	9,000.00	262.04%
<b>Church School offerings</b>	204.00	500.00	40.8%
<b>Designated Gift Donations</b>	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%
<b>General Offering</b>	11,678.18		
<b>Hall / Duplex &amp; Cottage Rentals</b>	24,500.00	23,700.00	103.38%
<b>Icon Fund Income</b>			
Daniel & Lions	3,000.00		
Dome Pantocrator	3,051.00		
DONE-Nativity Fresco income	5,000.00		
Feeding 5000 fresco	4,000.00		
Holy Trinity Fresco	3,000.00		
Mary of Egypt Panel	775.00		
Myrrh-bearers fresco	4,000.00		
Nativity Theotokos fresco	3,000.00		
Pentecost Fresco income	2,500.00		
Resurrection Fresco	5,907.00		
St. Eliz/Virgin Fresco	1,500.00		
St. Joanna Fresco	3,000.00		
St. John Ladder Income	800.00		
St. Marina Fresco	3,000.00		
Icon Fund Income - Other	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total Icon Fund Income</b>	<b>42,533.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>212.67%</b>
<b>Missions &amp; Evangelism</b>	535.00	5,000.00	10.7%
<b>Pass-Thru Income</b>	113,915.51		
<b>Plate Collection</b>	13,052.50	16,000.00	81.58%

	<b>Jan - Dec 09</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Pledge</b>	100,748.40	90,000.00	111.94%
<b>Prospora</b>	2,781.00	2,500.00	111.24%
<b>Seminary Assistance</b>	1,682.00		
<b>Special Appeals Income</b>			
<b>Christmas appeal income</b>	7,016.00		
<b>Pascha appeal income</b>	8,816.00		
<b>Special Appeals Income - Other</b>	0.00	12,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total Special Appeals Income</b>	15,832.00	12,000.00	131.93%
<b>Sunday Lunches</b>	12,340.00	10,000.00	123.4%
<b>Total Income</b>	544,392.07	362,750.00	150.07%
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Advertisement</b>			
<b>Press Democrat</b>	598.06		
<b>Total Advertisement</b>	598.06		
<b>Altar Needs</b>	3,134.11	2,000.00	156.71%
<b>Bank Expenses</b>	267.26		
<b>Building Fund Expenses</b>			
<b>Architectural Services</b>	2,862.90		
<b>Contractor</b>	62,320.75		
<b>Promissary Note Expense</b>	12,165.86	11,697.92	104.0%
<b>Repairs &amp; Improvements</b>	13,358.58		
<b>Russian Home of Mercy 2</b>	33,149.88	33,149.88	100.0%
<b>Building Fund Expenses - Other</b>	6,875.00	20,000.00	34.38%
<b>Total Building Fund Expenses</b>	130,732.97	64,847.80	201.6%
<b>Candle Expenses</b>	9,720.54	9,000.00	108.01%
<b>Charity Expense</b>	29,588.75	9,000.00	328.76%
<b>Choir Director</b>	12,000.00	12,000.00	100.0%
<b>Designated Gifts</b>	1,100.00		
<b>Diocesan Assembly Expenses</b>	545.00	500.00	109.0%
<b>Diocese of the West</b>			
<b>Diocesan Dues</b>	12,934.20	12,000.00	107.79%
<b>Stewards of the West</b>	300.00		
<b>Total Diocese of the West</b>	13,234.20	12,000.00	110.29%
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Adult Classes</b>	346.11	500.00	69.22%
<b>Church School</b>	596.67	500.00	119.33%
<b>Pamphlets</b>	256.56		
<b>Retreat Expenses</b>	200.00		
<b>Education - Other</b>	70.65		
<b>Total Education</b>	1,469.99	1,000.00	147.0%



	<u>Jan - Dec 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Garbage</b>	3,382.41	3,800.00	89.01%
<b>Government Costs</b>			
<b>County Taxes</b>	895.08		
<b>Permits</b>	61.00		
<b>Government Costs - Other</b>	0.00	900.00	0.0%
<b>Total Government Costs</b>	956.08	900.00	106.23%
<b>Icon Fund Expense</b>			
<b>DONE-Icon Master Plan</b>	2,000.00		
<b>DONE-Joy of All Who Sorrow icon</b>	1,600.00		
<b>DONE-St. Demetrios Icon</b>	1,041.73		
<b>Nativity Fresco expense</b>	13,332.64		
<b>Icon Fund Expense - Other</b>	0.00	45,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total Icon Fund Expense</b>	17,974.37	45,000.00	39.94%
<b>Insurance</b>	433.87	3,000.00	14.46%
<b>Miscellaneous Expense</b>	2,476.99	1,800.00	137.61%
<b>Mission and Evangelism</b>	2,945.94	5,000.00	58.92%
<b>OCA</b>			
<b>Fair Share</b>	11,445.00	11,500.00	99.52%
<b>Total OCA</b>	11,445.00	11,500.00	99.52%
<b>Office expenses</b>			
<b>Copy Machine</b>	3,742.11		
<b>General Supplies</b>	1,181.83		
<b>Petty Cash Expense</b>	1,500.00		
<b>Postage</b>	440.21		
<b>Printing and Copying</b>	269.70		
<b>Office expenses - Other</b>	3,614.32	12,000.00	30.12%
<b>Total Office expenses</b>	10,748.17	12,000.00	89.57%
<b>Pass Thru "Expense"</b>	48,079.54		
<b>PG&amp;E</b>	10,867.42	17,000.00	63.93%
<b>Phones</b>			
<b>Cell</b>	1,832.49		
<b>Fax and Hall Phone</b>	391.69		
<b>Office</b>	1,160.15		
<b>Phones - Other</b>	0.00	2,800.00	0.0%
<b>Total Phones</b>	3,384.33	2,800.00	120.87%
<b>Priest</b>			
<b>Car Allowance</b>	2,311.17	2,400.00	96.3%
<b>Compensation</b>	40,147.03	43,456.00	92.39%

	<b>Jan - Dec 09</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Medica/Life Insurance	15,296.76	15,121.00	101.16%
Retirement Payment	6,094.00	3,324.00	183.33%
<b>Total Priest</b>	<b>63,848.96</b>	<b>64,301.00</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>Property Maintenance</b>			
Facilities maint and repairs	14,247.29		
Grounds Keeping Services	15,757.00		
Purchases	6,737.17		
Property Maintenance - Other	420.00	13,000.00	3.23%
<b>Total Property Maintenance</b>	<b>37,161.46</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>	<b>285.86%</b>
Prosphora Expense	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Second Priest	7,200.00	7,200.00	100.0%
Secretary	6,000.00	6,000.00	100.0%
<b>Special Appeals Expense</b>			
Christmas Appeal Expense	219.50		
Paschal Appeal Expense	221.44		
Special Appeals Expense - Other	0.00	500.00	0.0%
<b>Total Special Appeals Expense</b>	<b>440.94</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>88.19%</b>
Stewardship Materials	161.71	175.00	92.41%
<b>Sunday Lunch Expense</b>			
Hall Cleaning	5,302.00	5,200.00	101.96%
Kitchen Supplies	5,966.33	2,000.00	298.32%
<b>Total Sunday Lunch Expense</b>	<b>11,268.33</b>	<b>7,200.00</b>	<b>156.51%</b>
To Sisterhood (Clergy Gifts)	0.00	1,200.00	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>441,166.40</b>	<b>313,023.80</b>	<b>140.94%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>103,225.67</b>	<b>49,726.20</b>	<b>207.59%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>103,225.67</b>	<b>49,726.20</b>	<b>207.59%</b>

## PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN PARISH PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010

### **2010 Projected General Fund Income**

General Pledge	\$90,000.00
Prospora	\$2,800.00
Seminary Assistance	\$3,000.00
Plate Collection	\$15,000.00
Pascha Appeal	\$9,000.00
Christmas Appeal	\$7,000.00
Special Donations	\$35,000.00
Sunday Lunches	\$15,000.00
Candles	\$15,000.00
Charity	\$15,000.00
Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$1,300.00
Church School / Adult Ed.	\$1,100.00
General Offerings	\$12,000.00
Rental income	\$25,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$246,400.00</b>

### **2010 Projected General Fund Expenses**

Advertisement	\$500.00
Bank fees and checks	\$200.00
Candles	\$10,000.00
Charity	\$15,000.00
Diocesan Assembly	600.00
Diocesan/OCA Assessment	\$25,000.00
Adult Ed./ Church School	1,100.00
Retreat Expenses	\$300.00
Pamphlets	\$300.00
Garbage	\$3,400.00
County Taxes	\$950.00
Property Insurance	\$4,893.00
Mission & Evangelism	\$1,000.00
Copy Machine	\$3,800.00
General Office Supplies	\$1,200.00
Petty Cash	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$500.00
Office Expense Other	\$4,000.00
Altar (wine/olive oil, incense, books)	\$3,200.00

Hall Cleaning	\$5,512.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$6,000.00
Clergy Gifts	\$1,200.00
Choir Director	\$12,000.00
Church Secretary	\$7,200.00
Second Priest	\$7,200.00
Phone	\$3,200.00
Workers Compensation Ins	\$940.00
Charity	\$15,000.00
Clergy Intern-Assistance	\$4,000.00
Grounds Keeping	\$16,000.00
Missions and Evangelism	\$1,000.00
Priest Compensation Package	\$64,748.96
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$219,567.28</b>

#### **2010 Projected Building Fund Income**

Donations to Building Fund	\$75,000.00
Glendi- Sisterhood	\$25,000.00
Interest on the Bank Accounts	\$1,100.00
Margaret Sakovich Trust	\$950.00
Special Donations	\$50,000.00
Grounds Keeping	\$2,000.00
<b>Total income / Building Fund</b>	<b>\$154,050.00</b>

#### **2010 Projected Building Fund Expenses**

Icons to be Painted	\$40,000.00
Russian Home of Mercy	\$33,149.88
Repairs and Improvements	\$45,000.00
Architectural Services	\$5,000.00
<b>Total expenses / Building Fund</b>	<b>\$123,149.88</b> <b>(\$30,900.12)</b>

Estate income that was received in 2009: \$401,000.00. This money was given for the sole purpose of being used on a major building improvement such as hall expansion or storage facility.

## **REPORT OF THE SISTERHOOD**

### **To the 2010 Annual Meeting**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Church.”

Another year and an entire decade are behind us. Glory Be To God!

I want to express my thanks to all the Sisterhood Officers, Committee Heads and Sisterhood members (men included) for another wonderful year at the Protection of the Holy Virgin Parish. Special thanks go out to Esther Schau, Co-President of the Sisterhood in 2009. I'm sure she never anticipated my absence for 6 months of the year, but she didn't miss a beat. She kept EVERYTHING going all year (of course with great support and help from many others) steadfastly, energetically and always with love and compassion for others.

Again in 2009 we lost another dear member of our Sisterhood to cancer. We'll all remember Sara Ingenito for her unique personality, loving contributions to our parish and decadent desserts. May Her Memory Be Eternal!

Please see our Treasurer's Report included here which easily summarizes our activities for the year. It's obvious, that even in addition to all our services, choir participation, Prospora making, Church School lessons, Teen and Youth activities, and church cleaning assistance, the women of this parish continue to fill in "down time" (and that's not intended to downplay our wonderful/ dedicated men who usually are working right along side the women) with much needed parish fundraisers along with charitable deeds. Thank You, O Lord!

We have made a couple changes to our Board of Officers for 2010. Congratulations to the new and returning officers and committee heads.

President	Xenia Pribyl
Co-President	Julie Wycoff
Vice President	Mat. Esther Carr
Co-Vice President	Tatiana Castillo
Secretary	Alla Keyes
Corresponding Secty	Deanna Panages
Treasurer	Genevieve Richardson
Treasurer in Training	Cathy Veenis
Sunday Lunch Coordinator	Eleni Rose
Hall Set-Up Coordinator	Mat. Esther Carr
Kitchen Manager	Esther Schau
Hall Supplies	Bobbi Griovski
Vestment Coordinator	Genevieve Richardson

Seamstresses

Kristine Tellefsen, Zoya Drake, Genevieve Richardson

Marie Vasquez

Church Flowers

Natalie Hansen

Acts of Mercy

Gloria Collins

Shed Maintenance

Mat. Ann

Funeral Coordinator

Brigid Sturgeon and Shenina

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May God Bless all of you and your diligent labors.

With Love in Christ,

*Barbara Owens, Sisterhood President*

**Parish of the Protection of the Holy Virgin  
Sisterhood Report  
for the year ending December 31, 2009**

<b><u>Income and special expenses</u></b>	<b><u>Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>Net</u></b>
Feast meals	\$ 103.00	\$ (121.79)	\$ (18.79)
Blini	\$ 402.70	\$ (297.17)	\$ 105.53
Piroshki	\$ 2,103.00	\$ (194.28)	\$ 1,908.72
Pascha Cheese and Kulich	\$ 299.00	\$ -	\$ 299.00
Rummage Sale	\$ 2,711.22	\$ -	\$ 2,711.22
Christmas Bazaar + Pelemeni	\$ 3,512.32	\$ (349.82)	\$ 3,162.50
Flowers	\$ 451.51	\$ (461.17)	\$ (9.66)
Clergy gifts	\$ 1,100.00	\$ (2,400.00)	\$ (1,300.00)
Charity and other Donations	\$ -	\$ (5,100.00)	\$ (5,100.00)
Banking costs	\$ 4,083.31	\$ (64.95)	\$ 4,018.36
Liturgical Vestments	\$ -	\$ (2,314.74)	\$ (2,314.74)
Advertising	\$ -	\$ (104.00)	\$ (104.00)
Income/Expenses Other	\$ -	\$ (59.10)	\$ (59.10)
 Totals	 \$ 14,766.06	 \$ (11,467.02)	 \$ 3,299.04

**General Expenses**

Clergy / Staff gifts	\$ 100.00	\$ (725.00)	\$ (625.00)
Charity gifts (includes sick/shut in)	\$ -	\$ (565.73)	\$ (565.73)
Equipment and Repairs	\$ 179.36	\$ (2,399.30)	\$ (2,219.94)
Funeral Expenses - Memorial meal	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous expenses	\$ -	\$ (12.59)	\$ (12.59)
 Total General Expenses	 \$ 779.36	 \$ (3,702.62)	 \$ (2,923.26)

Total Income	\$ 15,545.42		
Total Expenses		\$ (15,169.64)	
Current Balance		<u>\$ 3,039.38</u>	1/9/2010
 Balance - <b>First Community Bank</b>		<u>\$ 5,671.65</u>	11/30/2009

**Sisterhood Projected 2010 Income:**

Piroshki	\$ 2,006.73
Rummage Sale	\$ 2,800.00
Bazaar	\$ 3,000.00
	<u>\$ 7,806.73</u>

**Protection of the Holy Virgin Parish  
St. Seraphim Ortodox Church  
Glendi Financial Report**

**2009**

**Income:**

Pre-event receipts:	\$	455.00
Event receipts:	\$	51,886.28
Post-event receipts:	\$	469.07
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>52,810.35</u></b>

**Expenses:**

Advertising	\$	3,936.73
Program/Printing	\$	498.89
Parking/Bus	\$	4,151.08
Sanitation/First Aid	\$	1,453.39
Labor (security/dishwashers)	\$	470.00
Entertainment	\$	3,900.00
Equipment/Grounds/Set-up	\$	654.81
Ice & Event Freezer	\$	1,106.47
Equipment Rentals	\$	1,426.79
Office/Postage/Credit Card fees	\$	432.92
Raffel (cash prize)	\$	500.00
Booth Expenses	\$	10,840.12
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>29,371.20</u></b>

**Net Profit: \$ 23,439.15**

**Charities: \$ 3,000.00**

**Building Fund Donations: \$ 20,000.00**

**2009 Capital Outlay already made: \$ 1,336.00**

**2009 Balance Available: \$ (896.85)**

Our net income for the 2009 Glendi was down \$6500 from last year. Our 2009 gross income is down by more than \$8000 from our high water mark in 2007. Our net for Glendi 2007 was \$37,132. Our net for Glendi 2008 was \$29,963. The decline in our net income between 2007 and 2008 was the result of a significant decline in gross income and an equally significant increase in expenses. By contrast, our 2009 expenses were just \$1000 more than those of 2008. Another significant decline in gross income accounts for most of our \$6500 decline in our net income for 2009.

The deficit in 2009 Available Balance has been covered from undistributed income from prior years. This has allowed us to pay for needed capital outlay, to maintain a Building Fund donation of \$20,000 and to increase the Glendi's charity contribution above a 10% tithe of net Net Profit.

**Glendi Financial Report Submitted January 27, 2010 by Eugenia Griovski.**



# PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX PARISH BOOKSTORE

## Annual Report to the 2010 Annual Meeting

*Submitted by: Bonnie Alexander*

**Mission Statement:** *To serve the parish of the Protection of the Holy Virgin Church, by selling Orthodox reading material and gifts, and donating all profits to charity.*

**Manager:** Bonnie Alexander (Interim Manager)

**Retail Staff:** James Hood, Gretchen McPherson, Anastasia Brodeur (January – May) Dana Ames (September – December and continuing) and Bonnie Alexander.

### Accounting:

Opening Balance:	\$1,544.13	
Closing Balance:	\$3,751.99	
Credits:	\$6,849.74	
Debits:	\$4,889.95	
Net Income:	\$1,959.79	
Year-End Donation:	\$1,200.00	(recipients to be determined)

**Staffing:** Retail staff scheduling is done via e-mail and on a sign up sheet on the bookstore door. The four retail volunteers rotate, each working about one Sunday a month. One or two more volunteers would be helpful.

Bonnie Alexander has been serving as interim manager for the past year. A new manager is still needed; contact Father Lawrence if you are interested. Ideally, the position does not require any retail work except at special events (Glendi, etc), as long as there are at least 4 to 5 people on staff.

**Special Event Income:** *Glendi* \$1,609.54, *Holiday Bazaar* \$608.46

**Miscellaneous:** We currently have an excellent team of retail staff, who willingly give of their time and talents. I cannot thank them enough! We hope that our parishioners will think of us first when buying Orthodox books.

*Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the Protection Bookstore!*

# CHOIR REPORT FOR THE 201 ANNUAL MEETING

**The Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Parish**  
Financial Summary for the Year Ended December 31, 2009

**INCOME:**

CD Sales	\$ 3,750.26
Choir Seminar	\$ 1,200.00
Weddings	\$ 450.00
Bank Adjustments	\$ 40.51
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 5,440.77</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

Honorariums (Services rendered / Instruction)	\$ 1,650.00
Mail and Postage	\$ 114.90
Incidentals	\$ 950.33
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 2,715.23</b>

**Net Increase / (Decrease):** \$ 2,725.54

Starting Balance	\$ 3,319.91
Income	\$ 5,440.77
Expenses	\$ 2,715.23
<b>Total 12/31/2009</b>	<b>\$ 6,045.45</b>

The below summary shows parish choir CD sales through the church office excluding sales from AnaphoraPress.com (former choir director Macrina Lewis's Internet-based Orthodox store), which were unavailable at this time. AnaphoraPress.com markets and sells the parish CDs.

<b>CD Sales:</b>	<b>Attend, O Heaven</b>	34
	<b>Behold Your God</b>	61
	<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

*Note: \$1,000 was donated to Haiti care of IOCC and \$1,000 to Project Mexico  
This will be reflected in the Choir Fund statement Year Ending December, 31 2010.*

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT ~ 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

*“Let everything take second place to the care of our children, our bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (St. John Chrysostom, Homily 21 on Ephesians)*

St. Seraphim Church School serves children Preschool through High School age. The school year for 2009–2010 began with registration in September. Our first day of classes began, October 5th, the Sunday after our Parish Feast Day. We have 56 children registered for five Church School classes with an average attendance of 30 children each Sunday. We have 7 teachers, 6 assistants, and 4 substitute teachers. In addition to classes which are held for about 30 minutes each Sunday after Liturgy from late September to mid-June, the Church School children participate in such events as fundraising activities, singing on Palm Sunday, serving in the altar, and various church related parties.

This past summer we did not hold our annual *St. Seraphim Week* due to lack of adult assistance and scheduling difficulties. With support from many, there are plans to have it in the summer of 2010. Also, instead of a St. Nicholas party this year, the Church School children performed a play about the Nativity. There was a high attendance and it was a great success. The Church School staff is very grateful to the volunteers from our parish that helped and supported this event.

Our Church School is warmly encouraged and supported with enthusiasm by our Priest, Fr. Lawrence, and with the support and love of many of our parish members. The parents of the younger classes have helped tremendously by providing snacks and drinks for the classes. The parents of the older classes have helped with group activities for their children as well. We also have a fantastic staff of teachers and assistants. Our goal is to build an Orthodox foundation in the lives of these children so that they can navigate the difficulties of live with the love of Christ in their hearts.

The following is a list of teachers, support staff, grade levels and curriculum taught at each level:

### **Preschool-Kindergarten (ages 3-6)**

Teacher - Lara Anderson

Support Staff – Juliana Veenis, Vicki Basch, Kristine Tellefson, Serge Anderson

Class size: 14 students signed up, 5-10 students attend every Sunday. Class meets in the portable behind the Church Hall.

Curriculum – God is With Us! Kindergarten curriculum The students are also learning how to “read” and icon and how that relates to the story of a saint or feast day. We are still working on how to cross ourselves, the Lord’s Prayer, the Trisagion Prayers, and the Jesus Prayer.

### **First, Second and Third Grades (Ages 6-9)**

Teacher – Deanna Panages

Support Staff – Sophia Onyemaechi, Rachel Bell, Tamara Crawford, Vicki Basch

Class size – 18 children signed up, 6-12 attend each Sunday. Class meets in the cottage School room (share with Bible Study, Catechumen class)

Curriculum – This year we are using the “God Gives Life” curriculum. The children are also learning the lives of the saints, Feast Days, and about Great Lent leading to Pascha. We will be

taking fieldtrips to St. Seraphim's to learn about the structure of the church, icons, and why we attend services. The children really like discussing what the saints did, how much they loved God and how we can try to be like them.

#### **Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades (Ages 9-11)**

Teachers – Fr. John Schettig, Matushka Xenia Schettig

Support Staff – Brendan Schettig, Fr. Dcn. Nicholas, Serge Anderson

Class size – 8 students are signed up, 4-5 students attend regularly.

Class meets in the office upstairs in St. Seraphim's Church.

The curriculum this year focuses on the spreading of Christianity beginning with the Apostles.

The students are learning about where the Apostles went and how Christianity spread from those areas.

#### **Seventh and Eighth Grades (Ages 12-13)**

Teacher –Seraphim Ranney

Support Staff –

Class size – 10 students are signed up, 4-6 students attend on average. Class meets in the Protection Church or outside, weather permitting.

Curriculum –The Lives of the Saints, crafts such as carving help to reinforce lessons.

#### **Ninth through Twelfth Grades (Ages 14-18)**

Teacher – Vincent Rossi, Fred Krueger

Support Staff – Laurel Counts

Class size – 6 Students are signed up, with 4 students who attend on average. Adults have also been invited to the class to better understand the teachings of the Orthodox Church. The class meets in Fr. Lawrence's office on Sundays after Liturgy.

Curriculum –Both teachers try to incorporate the lessons with the students' everyday life and its challenges. Both teachers are open to student discussion and participation. Usually a student asks a question pertinent to their daily life and the teachers discuss the view of the Orthodox Church on that question. Such a class helps the students cope with and understand better their life as an Orthodox Christian.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Anderson

Church School Coordinator

## HIGH SCHOOL GROUP - REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

**The St. Seraphim Youth group has two purposes:**

1. To encourage fellowship amongst the high school-aged orthodox youth in our parish and beyond, and
2. To provide guidance to our youth in serving the Church and larger community.

In 2009, the group got off to a slow start, but things picked up in the fall. Our activities were:

- Ongoing Candle tending during Liturgy (special thanks to Alicia Krueger).
- January Dance at Ellington Hall with a few teens from Nativity of Christ Church.
- August Prepared and served the Agape meal for the parish.
- September Manned the Glendi's Ice Cream and Soda Booth.  
Group meeting at Counts home for planning and games.
- October Cleaned the small church before the Diocesan Council.
- November Plan and prepare for a multi-parish Christmas Party.
- December Group meeting at church for party planning.  
Hosted a multi-parish Youth Christmas Party. The Christmas Party was a big success! And more multi-parish activities are planned.

For 2010, our schedule is still being worked out, but the following activities are done or being considered:

- Ongoing Candle tending during Liturgy (special thanks to Alicia Krueger).
- January Ice Skating and Pizza Outing (it was lots of fun)
- February Visit to Manton Monastery?
- March Multi-parish outing to St. John's Relics, service at Raphael House, then social time at Pier 39.  
Help prepare for Holy Week and Pascha.
- April Bright week party.
- May Agape Meal??
- June Bowling night?
- July Help prepare for St. Seraphim's Feast Day.

To the Sisterhood, our sincere thanks for their gift of \$100 to the Youth Group. It was much appreciated!

# ICONOGRAPHY REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2010

*Prepared by Fr. Lawrence Margitich*

This last year saw the completion of only one fresco—Nativity, and two panel icons—St. Dimetrios, in memory of Matushka Barbara Sokolov, and “Joy of All Who Sorrow” commissioned by Joseph and Lisa Ann Lovell, former parishioners. We had expected a very busy year of fresco painting, but due to the unexpected shoulder surgery of Fr. Patrick, and the long rehab necessary, only the one fresco could be painted. We hope and pray that this year will see great progress. Below is our list of items, commissioned, or partially commissioned, or “reserved”. Now available are drawings which display the full layout of the interior of the Church and all frescos in their proper order, as well as the price list that goes with that. Please ask me for that, so I can share it with you.

## **PANELS IN PROGRESS** (a “panel” is an icon on a board, rather than a fresco)

St. Mary of Egypt, St. John Climacus, St. Gregory Palamas

## **PANELS PAINTED THIS YEAR**

St. Demetrios the Great Martyr, Holy Virgin “Joy of all who sorrow”

## **FRESCOS PAINTED THIS YEAR:**

Nativity, east wall, south side

## **FRESCOS COMMISSIONED, IN PLANNING**

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| 1. St. John of Shanghai and SF           | 18. Transfiguration of Christ            |
| 2. St. Tikhon of Moscow                  | 19. Resurrection (Descent into Hades)    |
| 3. St. Innocent of Alaska                | 20. Myrrh-bearers (2 Marys)              |
| 4. St. Raphael of Brooklyn               | 21. Wise Thief (or Holy Trinity)         |
| 5. St. Benjamin of Petrograd, New Martyr | 22. Feeding of the 5000                  |
| 6. Theophany*                            | 23. St. Gregory of Sinai                 |
| 7. Prophet Moses & Burning Bush          | 24. St. Joanna the Myrrhbearer           |
| 8. St. Nilus                             | 25. New Martyr Elizabeth, Grand duchess* |
| 9. Pentecost, east wall, north side      | 26. St. Lucia of Syracuse*               |
| 10. St. George the Great Martyr          | 27. St. Photini*                         |
| 11. St. Ignatius Brianchaninov           | 28. St. Marina                           |
| 12. Prophet Ezekial in the dome          | 29. St. Irene                            |
| 13. St. Anthony the Great                | 30. St. Mary of Egypt and St. Zosima     |
| 14. St. James the Brother of the Lord    | 31. St. Nona                             |
| 15. Elders of Optina Monastery           | 32. St. Moses the Black                  |
| 16. St Isidora                           | 33. Prophet Daniel in the Lion’s Den     |
| 17. Nativity of the Lord                 | 34. St. Elizabeth, mother of St John     |

*\* indicates that a benefactor has promised funds or given partial funds, but we have not yet received the total gift.*

In general, fresco painting will take place from top to bottom, meaning that icons above other icons will be painted first, to avoid damage during the fresco process. What gets painted **when** is determined by placement and workflow. We cannot paint a fresco in a lower space, generally speaking, until the upper area has been painted.

**PANTOCRATOR IN DOME:**

We have been saving for this fresco for ten years now, and are so very grateful to all those who contribute regularly to this major painting project. Last year we projected that the painting for the Pantocrator would begin around October 2009, but again, Fr. Patrick's shoulder surgery prevented any progress on this.

I would be most happy to speak to anyone desiring to sponsor a fresco. I thank you for your contributions and work toward the beautification of our Holy Temple.

With love in Christ,  
*Father Lawrence*

## **PARISH MINISTRIES: Areas of need**

**Assistant Sacristan:** person will work with Nilus Veenis

**Greeters:** need two additional to alternate when Gumpers not here

**Youth Coordinators:** coordinators for elementary and middle school kids

**Bookstore Manager:** to work with Bonnie, Dana, James and Gretchen

**Charity Committee Coordinator:** *vacant*

**Glendi Coordinators for 2010:** *vacant*

**Funerals/Care for the departed:** two men needed to care for male deceased

**Temple Floral Decorations:** Natalie Hansen needs two more people on her team

**Librarian:** *vacant*

**Outdoor Maintenance:** *vacant*

**Facilities Maintenance:** *vacant*

**Church Cleaning Coordinator:** *vacant*



# ELECTIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2010

## *General Information*

**Requirements:** To be nominated or elected to the Parish Council one must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1) Be a baptized, chrismated Orthodox Christian, over 18 yrs of age
- 2) Confess and Commune in this parish on a regular basis
- 3) Needless to say, one must be living in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church spiritually, morally, ethically and be an example of the Gospel life in word and deed
- 4) One must be a good financial steward of the Parish, and be willing to care for the good order of the Church, the grounds and the finances
- 5) The Parish Council meets at least once a month. If you cannot attend meetings, do not accept nomination. If a member misses 2 or 3 consecutive meetings, he or she may be asked to step down, depending on circumstances

**Duties:**

- 1) Attend all Parish Council Meetings & various Council events (work parties, Glendi, retreats, etc.)
- 2) Participate in worship, attending Vespers on Saturday and Divine Liturgy on Sunday
- 3) Participate in the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion on a regular basis here at this parish
- 4) Maintain your stewardship/financial commitment to the Parish
- 5) Live according to the Gospel and the teachings of the Orthodox Church

**Current auditors—terms expire: 2010**

Ole Kern, Juliana Veenis

**Members whose terms expire:**

Petar Griovski, Serge Anderson, Bonny Alexander, Samuel Coon

**Current Parish Council Members who have one more year to serve:**

Joseph Marino, Vladimir Lew Baer, Marc Richardson, Denise Anna Pellizzer, Debbie Elizabeth Buse

**Current Alternate/term expires now:**

Paul Byron Burch

*At the Meeting please consult the Posted Nominations List*

## ***ENDING HYMNS***

### **“IT IS TRULY MEET”**

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos,  
ever-blessed, and most blameless, and the Mother of our God;  
more honorable than the Cherubim,  
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,  
who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word,  
the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

### **TROPARION OF THE PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN TONE FOUR**

Today we Orthodox people joyfully keep festival,  
being illumined by thy glorious coming among us, O Mother of God;  
and gazing upon thy most pure image,  
we say with compunction:  
Shelter us with thy most precious Protection,  
and deliver us from all evil, //  
and pray to thy Son, Christ our God, that He save our souls.