

2011 ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

February 6, 2011



The Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Parish

The Orthodox Church in America • Diocese of the West
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, Archbishop of Washington
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, Priest Andrew Cuneo — *attached*
Rev. Deacon Jeremiah Crawford, Rev. Deacon Nicholas Carr

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AGENDA FOR 2011 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 (57 members minimum 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 7, 2010
6. Reports—additional comments:
 - a. Rector’s Report
 - b. Treasurer’s Report
 - c. Choir Report
 - d. Auditors’ Report
 - e. Diocesan Assembly Report
 - f. High School Group Report
 - g. Additional Oral Reports, or comments about any of the written reports
7. New Business:
 - a. Consideration and adoption of 2011 Budget
 - b. Elections for Parish Council — see Candidate list
 - c. Elections for Auditors — see Candidate list
 - d. Choosing Delegates for All American Council in Seattle, Oct. 31 – Nov. 4th
 - e. Nomination of Honorary Life Time Member
 - f. Parish Needs
 - g. Preliminary Discussion on 75th Anniversary celebration, October 1, 2011. Apptmt of committee members to organize the celebration
 - h. Any other new business (to be listed at beginning of Meeting)
 - i. Open Forum
 - j. Report of Elections
 - k. 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 **57** since we currently show 113 members. Last year we reported to the Diocese of the West (OCA) that we had 107 members. In 2009 we reported 110 supporting members. Our numbers vary—we should be reporting 175 members, however, not all who attend church financially support the parish.

We report our membership count to the Diocese. For **each member we report** 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 \$27,651.00. Your tithe at work! This “head tax” is why we only report as members those who are active financial supporters.

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
 1. [**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** •

Alex Sokol (nominated in 1993), reposed
Eugenia Vorobey (1994), reposed
Nick and Olga Belenkoff (1995). Nick reposed 2005, Olga in 2009
Magda Sokolov (1996), reposed 2004
Catherine Balatzki (1997), reposed 2003
Leonid Sakovich (1998), reposed 2001
Alexandra Hrenoff (1999), reposed 2004
Musya Sakovich (2000), living in SF
Sophie Silverman (2001), living on Martha's Vineyard, MA.
Archpriest Michael & Matushka Eleanor Margitich (2002)
Eugene Gordenev, (2003), reposed 2005
Zoya Drake, (2004)
Olga Canyuch (2005), reposed 2005
Petar & Eugenia Griovski (2006)
Andrew Skikos (2007)
Nina Antipova (2008)
Sarah Ingenito (2009), reposed 2009
Barbara Owens (2009)
Natalie Hansen (2010), reposed 2010

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 1993.

PARISH MINISTRIES DURING 2010

Council Members who served during 2010:

Serge Anderson—*Starosta*, Petar Griovski—*Parish Treasurer*, Bonny Alexander—*Council Secretary*; Joseph Marino, Vladimir Lew Baer, Subdeacon Marc Richardson, Denise Pellizzer, Nicholas Nicholson, Debbie Buse—*Members*; Ole Kern and D. Skikos—*alternates*

Church School Coordinator: Lara Anderson (last year) / Father Andrew Cuneo

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

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

Subdeacon: Marc Richardson

Sacristan: Nilus Veenis—*Sacristan*, Maximos Lee, Isaac Ferguson, Thomas Ells, James Moody

Prospora & Preparation of Holy Bread: Matushka Xenia Schettig—*head baker*; Lara Anderson, James Ballard, Gretchen McPherson, Barbara Owens, Genevieve Richardson; *Dough makers:* Nilus Veenis, Nicolas Custer

Greeters: Joseph and Judith Gumper; Lydia and Nick Nicholson—*assistants*

Pastor's Secretary: Alla Keyes

Youth Coordinator: Laurel Counts—High School

Bookstore Manager: Vladimir Baer—*manager*; Bonnie, Dana, James and Gretchen—*staff*

Charity Committee Coordinator: *vacant*

Glendi Coordinators for 2010: Eugenia Griovski, Julie Wycoff, Fr. Lawrence, Richardsons

Scrip Director: Shenina

Funeral Arrangements: Brigid Sturgeon for women; Deacon Jeremiah and Serge Anderson for men.

Sunday Lunch Coordinator: Eleni Rose

Auditor: Ole Kern, George Artemoff

Temple Floral Decorations: Natalie Hansen, Patricia Krueger, Kate Willens, Denise Pellizzer

Vestment Maker: Kristine Tellefsen, Zoya Drake, Genevieve Richardson

Librarian: Lara Anderson, Lisa Thomas

Outdoor Maintenance: Gabriel Griovski

Facilities Maintenance: Gregory Sanford, Serge Anderson

Church Cleaning Coordinator: Nilus Veenis

Garden: Gretchen McPherson, Ann Margitich

MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010

1. Call to Order – Opening Prayers The meeting was called to order at 12:30 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. Bonnie Alexander was nominated by Fr. Lawrence to serve as recording secretary; Tom Steven Pellizzer was introduced as Chairman of today’s meeting. The teller for the meeting will be Debbie Buse. Sam Coon was appointed Parliamentarian.
3. Count to Establish Quorum (56 members minimum). A count was made determining sufficient members were in attendance – quorum was met with 70 present.
4. Review of Agenda. No additions to the agenda.
5. Minutes of February 8, 2009 Annual Meeting. Since the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were published and distributed prior to today’s meeting, they were not read. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.
6. Reports
 - a. Rector’s Report: Fr. Lawrence gratefully stated that we have a healthy Diocese and a healthy parish. Since the entire body suffers when people leave the Orthodox faith he encouraged us to tend carefully to our spiritual lives to guard against falling away: read the scriptures; read the lives of the Saints; live your faith; support your parish. Our membership numbers have remained stable around 110 in the last 10 years (losing some, gaining others), but our budget has grown dramatically. This is remarkable and we are grateful. Fr. Lawrence expressed thanks to Tom Pellizzer for installation of lighting on the walkway and the new entry and for repairing (with Joseph Marino) the solar panel system so that it is functioning properly. He also expressed thanks for the new vestments made by Kristine Tellefson and Genvieve Richardson. Fr. Lawrence turned meeting over to the Chairman.
 - b. Treasurer’s Report: Petar Griovski thanked all the parishioners who participate in stewardship of the parish and make offerings; he encouraged this to continue. Peter remembered the founding members of Protection of the Virgin and our tradition that a major donation from a bequest be put aside for major improvements to the church grounds. Last year we receive large bequests from Sarah Rohrman and from Nick and Olga Belenkoff. Nick specifically requested the improvements at the entrance that we recently made. This year we are planning at least three projects (1) put 4 onion domes on the old church; (2) enlarging the parish hall to meet the needs of our growing parish; and (3) building a larger storage area. Fr. Lawrence complimented Petar and his committee for hitting the 2009 numbers on the head! Tom thanked Petar is for his 30 years’ service as Treasurer.

- c. Sisterhood Report: Barbara Owens thanked us for our prayers over the past year and the honorary lifetime membership. She also thanked the Sisterhood officers for their hard work over the past year and for the new officers.
 - d. Choir Report: Nicholas Custer expressed special thanks to Alla Keyes for acting as our business manager. He presented her with flowers and gifts on behalf of the choir. Tom Pellizzer thanked Nicholas for his tireless efforts with the choir and to the glory of God.
7. Auditors' Report: No additions to the written auditor's report.
8. Additional Oral Reports: Tom Ells thanked the Eritrean families for bringing and sharing their bread. Lara Anderson expressed thanks to the parish for their support of the church school. She encouraged people to get to know the children. *Blast before the Fast* has been cancelled this year because it has not been well-attended over the past couple of years. No *St. Seraphim Week* this past year because of lack of help. That help has already volunteered, so it will be reinstated this summer. Thanks were expressed to Lara and all the Church School staff, which is the envy of the Diocese, according to Fr. Lawrence. Mat. Xenia thanked all the Prospora bakers. Lew Baer expressed thanks to all the clergy, servers, sacristan who lead the parishioners.
9. New Business
- a. 2010 Budget – Motion: Ole Kern moved to accept the 2010 Budget. Subdeacon Marc Richardson seconded. Brief discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Nominations & Elections for Parish Council – Nominees: Nick Nicholson; Dee Skikos; Serge Anderson; Petar Griovski; Ole Kern; Ken English; Bonnie Alexander; Vincent Rossi; Fred Labankoff. Ballots were distributed.
 - c. Nominations & Elections for Auditors—Ole Kern; George Artemoff; Fred Labankoff Elected by acclamation.
 - d. Nominations & Election of Delegates for Diocesan Assembly –Diocesan Assembly held every October will be held in San Diego this year. Lara Anderson; Barbara Owens; Tom Ells; and Genevieve Richardson volunteered to attend. Fr. Lawrence will find out how many delegates we are allotted and designate delegates soon.
 - e. Nomination of Honorary Lifetime Member—Each year we honor a parishioner who has been integral to parish life. This year, we wish to nominate Natalie Hansen with great respect and love. We appreciate her many, many years of beautifying the church for the various church seasons, her labors at Glendi, Bazaars, feast days, and all your good and kind works. Elected by acclamation.
 - f. Parish Needs:
 - i. Assistant Sacristan: James Hood, Tom Ells
 - ii. Additional Greeters: Lydia and Nick Nicholson
 - iii. Youth Coordinators for elementary and middles school ages: Alexandra Harrison (needs an assistant)

- iv. Bookstore Manager: Lew Baer will manage; Bonnie Alexander will do the bookkeeping
- v. Charity Committee: Paul Burch and Dn. Jeremiah Crawford
- vi. Glendi Coordinators: Julie (pending confirmation) and Bobbie Griovski
- vii. Funerals/Care for the Departed (male): Dn. Jeremiah; Serge Anderson
- viii. Temple Floral Decorations: Denise Pellizzer; Mat. Katherine Crawford; Mat. Xenia
- ix. Librarian: Lara Anderson; Lisa Thomas
- x. Outdoor Maintenance: Gabe Griovski
- xi. Facilities Maintenance: Gregory Sanford, Serge Anderson
- xii. Church Cleaning Coordinator: Nilus Veenis

10. Open Forum

- a. Fr. Lawrence thanked Fr. Michael, Fr. John and Fr. John for their sacrificial work here at the Parish. He thanked Nicolas Custer and the choir, and thanked Barbara Owens for her many years of service to the Sisterhood.
- b. Iconography report— Fr. Patrick is still recovering and will continue working on the icons that have been funded soon. We have many many icons to be completed this year, God willing.
- c. Nilus Veenis suggested fireproofing of the choir library. Brief discussion ensued.
- d. Mat. Esther asked that a committee be formed to honor the 75th anniversary of our parish in 2011.
- e. Tom Pellizzer asked us to pray for Patrick Wilkes.

11. Dn. Nicholas Carr and Petar Griovski were honored on the occasion of their birthdays.

12. Report of Elections

- a. The following were elected to the Parish Council: Members: Serge Anderson, Petar Griovski, Bonnie Alexander and Nick Nicholson. Alternates: Dee Skikos and Ole Kern.

13. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 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 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Reverend Fathers:

Once again I have the pleasure of presenting my annual pastoral report to you. I would like to begin with some remarks about the upcoming Hall renovations, since I know many of you will have questions about this important project.

During the coming months, starting in April, preparations will begin for extensive renovation of the Parish Hall and for the construction of a storage building. We are projecting that on, or just after, April 1st, the modular building (Nicolas Custer's apartment) will be towed away for good. The structure is already quite old, well-worn, and leaky; it's time to remove it. The cottage (Carrs' apartment) will also be renovated and returned to its original use as the Choir Director's Apartment (a visitor inadvertently described it the "Choir Di-Rectory"). Hence, after many years of enforced asceticism living in a school building, Nicolas will finally have a comfortable place to stay, with a kitchen and a bathroom.

This is not all. Additional renovations will take place in our Church School building in an effort to provide more classroom space. The various trailers and storage sheds will be removed from the property, since they will be in the construction zone, and will be obsolete. PODs will hold the various items needing to be stored while construction is underway. We are planning to remove the two "Monk" trailers and acquire one trailer with two rooms, a bathroom and a kitchenette, so that the monks can continue to stay here while doing the fresco work.

All of these things are going to greatly impact our daily and weekly parish routines (to say nothing of those who will be living in a construction zone). Without a doubt, there will be difficulties, and I ask us to remember two things: first, we must keep in mind the goals of all this work— an expanded hall with a large beautiful deck facing the Church, room for storage (including Glendi equipment), and a new children's play structure. Secondly, with the new Parish Hall, all of our parishioners can now be together after the Liturgy, whether inside or outside. It provides space inside and a roomy, covered deck outside, where parishioners can congregate; this is instrumental to improving our fellowship and agape mealtime.

Those of us who live here and who will be involved in cleaning, cooking, and hospitality, are not necessarily looking forward to all the bumps in the road which we may encounter from April until October. During this work, I ask us all to be patient, considerate, to bear with one another with Christian love and respect, as I know each of you will. Please be careful and watch your children carefully— construction zones have lots of potential accidents waiting to happen. Probably, during the time when the Hall is not usable, we will have a large tent for our Sunday meals, serviced by an outdoor kitchenette. Let it be a reminder that we are in pilgrimage, not just in terms of waiting for the work to be done, but spiritually we are pilgrims in this world.

There are constants amidst this change. I would ask you to consider the unity that we have with one another as a Parish family. Christian unity comes from God, not from common ideas, goals, likes, dislikes or agendas, or even buildings. The Church is not a worldly organization or a social club, or a Christian denomination—one out of thousands. It is the very Body of Christ—the union of divinity with humanity—to which we are joined in Baptism, Chrismation and the Holy Liturgy and our entire way of life. The miracle of all miracles is that we sinners share the Life of the Holy Trinity given to us by Jesus Christ; we live the life of the God-Man in common with the Most-Holy Theotokos, the Saints and all the Heavenly Hosts of Angels. For all these things we give thanks, each and every day; and no difficulties or trials will ever lessen the God-given joy that is granted to us in the Church. May God help each of us—longtime Orthodox, newly-received, catechumens, adults and children, to grow more and more in the Life of Christ that is a “union of love and faith.”

We must constantly bring to our minds and hearts the prayer of our Lord: “...that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them, that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me” (John 17). To attain this unity and this glory, obviously each one of us must make that unity in Christ the single goal of our life. Let us offer to God and to each other time and energy to pray, worship, study, volunteer and serve; these are not personal goals only, these are Community goals too.

This is a rather long-winded way of saying that *we are all in this together*. For those of us who worship here, confess and commune here, I ask that you enter into the life of the community—not so we suppress dissenting opinions—that’s totalitarian, not Christian—but to work, struggle, discuss, resolve and love together in Christian love and unity.

I also ask you to remember what I wrote about in a recent bulletin: with any church undertaking, large or small, the evil one, the enemy of our salvation, who is the enemy of union with God and each other, will attempt to disrupt and disturb us – most often through small details. We are all of us susceptible to this attack. Be watchful, joyful, forgiving one another, keeping the “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” as St. Paul wrote.

Any of us may experience pain, frustration, resentment and misunderstanding over some issue. Some one among us may go away at some point rather disappointed or hurt. Thank goodness that it does not have to be this way, and we learn from the past even as we pray that the Lord guide us now and in the future.

Let us daily ask the Lord to bless all our decisions, discussions, interactions, and expenses! Let us stay united in prayer together, forgiving one another, eager to maintain the “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” as St. Paul puts it in Ephesians. Let us avoid the “taking of offenses” since this particular sin sends roots deeply into our wounded heart quickly and they

are not easily extracted. Taking offense is often a greater sin than the giving of offense, as Father Andrew Morbey, a former rector here, is wont to say. Let us love one another, that with one heart and mouth we can honor the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Never forget that for those who love Him, God allows struggles, obstacles and suffering to come our way, not because He is eager to watch us suffer, but so that through our fidelity and trust in Him, He may confer upon us unity, mercy, love, power and holiness. Each time there is a problem before us, the Lord is also sending the strength we need to be victorious in Him. Each time we are insulted, or disappointed, or feel disrespected or humbled by someone—and I have been more guilty, truly, of these sins against others than anyone else here—understand that our Merciful Savior is also sending us the power to forgive and be restored to one another. “Don’t sweat the small stuff,” as a helpful parishioner tells me now and then.

I am truly full of gratitude to each and every one of you for allowing me to be your Father-in-Christ, and the rector (now eleven years) of this God-protected parish of The Protection of the Virgin and St. Seraphim. In no way am I worthy of this honor and trust. It is only by your prayers, goodwill and patience that I have lasted even one year as the rector. Thank you. I want to thank the Parish for arranging the pilgrimage that Ann and I made to the Holy Land. It was one of the most memorable experiences in my life.

I also have nothing but gratitude, as do you as well, to our venerable Priests, Fathers-in-Christ, who are able to make it possible for us here to have so many Divine Services (more than most parishes). They diligently labor for your salvation, hearing confessions, and offering pastoral advice. Most especially, I thank my father, Archpriest Michael Margitich, pastor emeritus, and my mother Matushka Eleanor, for their powerful witness at all times of God’s mercy and love, and of the Kingdom of God. It is indeed rare in a parish to have a successful “son-father team” since there can be only one Rector of a parish, just as there is only One Father in Heaven, One Bishop, one wife per husband and one Eucharist each week. That our arrangement works here is due entirely to Father Michael’s humility and wisdom. We are also blessed to have here excellent assistant priests who enhance our parish life with their dedication, prayers, and presence: my deepest and most humble gratitude to Father John and Matushka Xenia, Father John and Matushka Catherine, Father Deacon Nicholas and Diaconissa Esther, Father Deacon Jeremiah and Diaconissa Katherine.

I want publicly to express my thanks to Matushka Ann, Justin and my daughter-in-law Amy, Alexander and Lydia for what I know is their great patience with me, and their constant prayers for me.

We have all been extraordinarily blessed this year to host the Cuneo family. Father Andrew and Matushka and their children, while fresh out of Seminary, are not green rookies in the pastoral life. Father Andrew has come here to be trained for the year before going out to become rector at another parish. Of course, we are the ones learning from him and Elizabeth. I

thank the Lord for the generosity of two parishioners and the financial assistance of the Diocesan Mission Board that we are able to have this time together with them. We rejoice in this.

My thanks to those who labor and love the beauty of the Lord's house, the sacristan Nilus and his assistants, the Subdeacon (no name needed, since Marc is THE Subdeacon par excellence), the servers, the candle desk attendants, the bell ringers, the church cleaners, and those who decorate.

All of us recognize, I hope, the unique contributions, talent, skill and charisma of our Choir Director, Reader Nicolas Custer. Because of him, we are able to have many Services, but more importantly, Services that are done with compunction, using the highest expression of our Church singing Tradition. I thank God for this.

My remaining task in this report is to offer pastoral remarks touching on the spiritual life of the parish. If I were to begin now to offer thanks for all the benefits, projects, events and holy acts that each of you have been involved in or offered in the past year, I would have to list the entire parish membership list. I have a holy pride for your faith and work, and gain great strength and inspiration when I think of each one of you. If someone's name has not been mentioned here, and ought to have been, I ask forgiveness for my forgetfulness. But I would also remind you, that your offerings, good works and contributions made in secret yield a far greater reward in the Kingdom of God than those which have been made in public.

Having said that, I would be remiss, however, if I did not thank the Parish Council, especially the great efforts of the Starosta Serge Anderson and his God-beloved family, alongside Petar Griovski, my trusted advisor and Parish Treasurer, and the work done by his team Laurel Counts and Ole Kern in making the financial reports. Petar would remind me here that he would get nothing accomplished without the constant, steady, clearheaded and loving efforts of Alla Keyes, the Parish Secretary.

We all appreciate how much our parish is also a family. Certainly, this is due to God's mercy, and His gift of unity. There's a human dimension to this—we work in synergy with the Lord—and that is the Sisterhood, led by Xenia Pribyl. Their care and hard work make the sense of community a reality. I thank all the women and men who contribute to make this happen.

Finally, I want to thank Matushka Xenia and the men and women involved in preparing the Holy Bread for the Divine Liturgy. What a sacred work and ministry they do for us and for the glory of God. They reverently prepare the Holy Bread, spending a great deal of time and energy to ensure that what is offered at the Holy Liturgy is absolutely the best that can be offered. Their ministry in the parish is of great importance, and may the Lord reward them.

During the last year we celebrated all the prescribed Divine Services: feast days, Saturday evening and Sunday morning resurrectional Services, Lenten Vespers, Matins and Presanctified Liturgies; Holy Week, Pascha, Bright Week and the Parish Feasts of St. Seraphim and the Protection of the Virgin. There were so many wonderful Services, but a few stand out. Those who were present at the Funeral Vigil for Fr. Vladimir Anderson on the evening of December 20,

and the Funeral Divine Liturgy the next morning, will never forget those hours of solemnity, beauty, holiness, grief and joy. Nativity and Theophany were also truly bright and glorious, and infused those who were present in prayer with God’s light. One could go on with many other examples. Beloved in the Lord: when the chance comes to come to Church, WE MUST NOT MISS IT. God can be with us at all times and places, but, He is most powerfully present for us when two or three are gathered together. We come to Church because God has called us out to be His People. We dare not neglect the Feast Days of our Church, nor those Services of Great Lent, which are not far off.

We are entering our 75th year as a Parish. God willing we will have festivities in October 2011. All the many activities which I have listed in my report testify that we are not a dead church. I pray that all the worship, prayer, charity, fellowship, building and good works may be to the glory of God and your salvation. May the Lord, who has given to each “grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ” (Eph. 4:7) bring us all “into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph. 4:13).

Below are some statistics and information for the last year:

Baptisms and/or Chrismations in 2010: 11 (last year 8)

- Rashed Photios Tesfamichael 2/6/10
- Lamech Johanes Moges 5/22/10
- Zoya Michelle Margitich 6/6/10
- Thomas Abraham 6/12/10
- Danayt Abraham 6/12/10
- Helen Cheryl Kinnamon 8/1/10
- Sarah Marie Hamner 8/1/10
- Paul Garret Hamner 8/1/10
- Beatrice Rowan Hamner 8/1/10
- Julitta Spainhower 10/2/10
- Vesper Marie Bottu-Manzi 10/9/10

Marriages: 2 (last year 5)

- Lisa Ann Thomas / Serge Moroz 9/5/10
- Vera Miljevic / Alejandro Sandoval 10/31/10
- Funerals: 5 (last year 6) Date of Death
- Lucian Hrycyna 2/7/10
- Loul Zewdi Moges 2/14/10

- Stephen Stanley Grew 6/19/10
- Olga Rumar 12/5/10
- Priest Vladimir Anderson 12/16/10

Catechumens as of Dec. 31, 2010: 9 (2 children)

Katharine Willens, Kira van Hall, Edward Patrick O'Brien, Jeff, Adriel and Jupiter Scarborough, Niki, Freddie and Desmond Myles, Charles Fleshman, Randy Rex (currently in Sacramento), Ryan Duval. Katharine, Edward Patrick and Kira were baptized on Sunday, January 9, 2011. The remainder of our catechumens will be baptized on Lazarus Saturday (in the Russian River) and Holy Saturday (in the new font).

Some miscellaneous parish accomplishments during 2010:

- Fresco work: 15 saints painted since Pascha (see Fresco report for more info) with more commissioned, paid for, and ready to be painted
- Planning and implementation of Hall extension and new storage building—a major effort and the start of a major parish project
- Construction by Greg Sanford of a wonderful adult baptismal font—to be ready and used for Holy Saturday
- New stone benches in the Church forecourt
- Saint Seraphim Week for kids held and well-attended
- Sunday BBQs were held on a regular basis during the summer months
- Consistent giving for Charitable needs, over \$25,000 dispersed
- Rectory bathrooms renovated
- Rectory back porch rebuilt
- Cottage bathroom renovated
- Glendi—a great success!
- Holiday Bazaar—also a great success!
- Parish Feast Days (St. Seraphim on Jan. 2 and July 19, and Protection on Oct. 1)
- Held the Lenten Liturgical Retreat on the Fifth Thursday (Matins with the Canon of St. Andrew / Life of St. Mary of Egypt & Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)
- Parish Retreat with Father Andrew Morbey during the summer St. Seraphim Week
- Weekly or bi-monthly Catechism Classes
- Weekly Church School during school year
- Background checks conducted on all teachers and church school assistance, as mandated by the Diocese and the Central Administration of the OCA
- Solar Panels maintained, thanks to Joseph Marino

- Fountain pump replaced by Herman Vasquez (it sounds like a small thing, yet the fountain takes constant maintenance and care)
- Vineyard: grapes picked by Gabe Griovski, crushed and prepared for bottling. A milestone.
- Liturgy and chapel decorations arranged for the Fort Ross July 4th Pilgrimage
- High School group had numerous successful activities, thanks to Laurel Counts
- Excellent Sunday Agape Lunches prepared by volunteers each week

Miscellaneous Rector's Activities in addition to regular pastoral duties

- Coordinated Glendi with Bobbi, Esther and Richardsons
- Managed Glendi booth and grounds setup with Fr. Andrew
- Guest speaker at St. Andrew Orthodox Church in Riverside for their Feast Day
- Attended the Diocesan Assembly
- Continued work on Diocesan Council (Bishop's Council) and Missions Board
- Continued work for Diocese as Director of the Department of Liturgical Music
- Served on the board of the Department of Liturgical Music for the OCA
- Served as confessor for Nuns at Holy Assumption Monastery, in Calistoga
- Served numerous Panikhidas throughout Bay Area for non-parish members
- Presented two talks on the Desert Fathers for the "Journey Center" in Santa Rosa

*"...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

To be delivered orally at the meeting

Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church

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YTD Expenses & Annual Budget

01/23/2011

January through December 2010

Cash Basis

		<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income/Expense				
	Income			
	Altar Donations	890.00		
	Building Fund Income			
	Donations to Blding Fund	73,748.92	75,000.00	98.33%
	Glendi-Sisterhood	27,137.50	25,000.00	108.55%
	Grounds Keeping Donations	1,155.00	2,000.00	57.75%
	Interest on Checking account	1,002.12	1,100.00	91.1%
	Loans	1,400.00		
	Margaret Sakovich Mem Trust	765.95	950.00	80.63%
	Refund	12.00		
	Rent Rec'd	1,000.00		
	Special Donations	2,400.00	50,000.00	4.8%
	Total Building Fund Income	108,621.49	154,050.00	70.51%
	Candles Income	14,820.50	15,000.00	98.8%
	Cell Phone Reimbursement	1,509.40		
	Charity Rec'd	17,596.00	15,000.00	117.31%
	Church School offerings	67.34	1,100.00	6.12%
	Designated Gift Donations	100.00		
	General Offering	7,477.01	12,000.00	62.31%
	Hall / Duplex & Cottage Rentals	24,027.00	25,200.00	95.35%
	Icon Fund Income			
	Dome Pantocrator	1,883.00		
	DONE-Elizabeth Gd-duch. fresco	1,000.00		
	DONE-Lazarus Sat. panel	500.00		
	DONE-Mary of Egypt Panel	225.00		
	DONE-St. Columba Fresco	2,100.00		
	DONE-St. Esther Fresco income	1,521.00		
	DONE-St. John Ladder Income	200.00		
	DONE-St. Maximos Fresco	2,200.00		
	DONE-St. Paul of Thebes Fresco	3,000.00		
	DONE-Washing of feet fresco	2,000.00		
	Nativity Theotokos fresco	635.00		
	St. Lucia Fresco	1,000.00		
	DONE-St. Macrina fresco income	3,000.00		
	Sunday of Orthodoxy panel	1,200.00		

			Icon Fund Income - Other	0.00	40,000.00	0.0%
			Total Icon Fund Income	20,464.00	40,000.00	51.16%
			Misc. Received	1,836.96		
			Missions & Evangelism	1.00		
			Pass-Thru Income	3,100.00	1,300.00	238.46%
			Plate Offering	11,268.00	15,000.00	75.12%
			Pledge	103,045.33	90,000.00	114.5%
			Prospora	2,320.00	2,800.00	82.86%
			Seminary Assistance	908.00	1,500.00	60.53%
			Special Appeals Income			
			Christmas appeal income	6,837.00	7,000.00	97.67%
			Missions Income	616.00		
			Pascha appeal income	6,977.00	9,000.00	77.52%
			Total Special Appeals Income	14,430.00	16,000.00	90.19%
			Special Donations	0.00	12,000.00	0.0%
			Sunday Lunches	13,280.00	15,000.00	88.53%
			Total Income	345,762.03	415,950.00	83.13%
			Gross Income	345,762.03	415,950.00	83.13%
			Expense			
			Advertisement			
			Press Democrat	676.00		
			Advertisement - Other	0.00	500.00	0.0%
			Total Advertisement	676.00	500.00	135.2%
			Altar Needs	2,829.63	3,200.00	88.43%
			Bank Expenses	143.95	200.00	71.98%
			Building Fund Expenses			
			Architectural Services	35,712.74	5,000.00	714.26%
			Construction Expenses	1,253.90		
			Contractor	82,945.21	53,600.00	154.75%
			Repairs & Improvements	729.91	45,000.00	1.62%
			Russian Home of Mercy 2	0.00	33,149.88	0.0%
			Total Building Fund Expenses	120,641.76	136,749.88	88.22%
			Candle Expenses	11,573.58	10,000.00	115.74%
			Charity Expense	26,728.25	15,000.00	178.19%
			Choir Director	12,000.00	12,000.00	100.0%
			Designated Gifts	340.00	1,200.00	28.33%
			Diocesan Assembly Expenses	1,061.68	600.00	176.95%

			Diocese of the West				
			Diocesan Dues	14,971.80	25,000.00	59.89%	
			Stewards of the West	300.00			
			Total Diocese of the West	15,271.80	25,000.00	61.09%	
			Education				
			Adult Classes	280.17			
			Church School	336.10	1,100.00	30.56%	
			Pamphlets	138.26	300.00	46.09%	
			Retreat Expenses	226.93	300.00	75.64%	
			Youth Group Expenses	150.96			
			Education - Other	137.36			
			Total Education	1,269.78	1,700.00	74.69%	
			Garbage	3,802.92	3,400.00	111.85%	
			Government Costs				
			County Taxes	921.56	950.00	97.01%	
			Permits	481.00			
			State fees and taxes	84.00			
			Total Government Costs	1,486.56	950.00	156.48%	
			Icon Fund Expense				
			Done-Lazarus Sat. Panel expense	900.00			
			DONE-St Maximus fresco	3,000.00			
			DONE-St. Anthony fresco	3,000.00			
			DONE-St. Catherine fresco	3,000.00			
			DONE-St. Colomba of Iona fresco	3,000.00			
			DONE-St. Eliz Grd Duch fresco	3,000.00			
			DONE-St. Esther Fresco	3,000.00			
			Done-St. Gregory Palamas	800.00			
			DONE-St. Irene Fresco expense	3,000.00			
			DONE-St. Isidora Fresco	3,000.00			
			Done-St. John of the Ladder	800.00			
			DONE-St. Macrina fresco	3,000.00			
			DONE-St. Mary of Egypt	800.00			
			DONE-St. Paul of Thebes Expense	3,000.00			
			Lew Baer Icon Fund Expense	9,248.00			
			Icon Fund Expense - Other	0.00	40,000.00	0.0%	
			Total Icon Fund Expense	42,548.00	40,000.00	106.37%	

				Insurance				
				Property	0.00	4,893.00		0.0%
				Worker's Compensation	932.91	940.00		99.25%
				Insurance - Other	4,893.00			
				Total Insurance	5,825.91	5,833.00		99.88%
				Interns	4,000.00			
				Miscellaneous Expense	501.00	2,500.00		20.04%
				Mission and Evangelism	587.48	1,000.00		58.75%
				OCA				
				Appeals, Missions	200.00			
				Fair Share	12,180.00			
				Total OCA	12,380.00			
				Office expenses				
				Copy Machine	3,294.59	3,800.00		86.7%
				General Supplies	2,007.30	1,200.00		167.28%
				Parish Website	456.75			
				Petty Cash Expense	1,650.00	1,500.00		110.0%
				Postage	529.12	500.00		105.82%
				Printing and Copying	868.64	4,000.00		21.72%
				Total Office expenses	8,806.40	11,000.00		80.06%
				Pass Thru "Expense"	34,235.00			
				PG&E	9,054.77	11,000.00		82.32%
				Phones				
				Cell	2,414.19			
				Fax and Hall Phone	269.29			
				Office	1,083.72			
				Phones - Other	0.00	3,200.00		0.0%
				Total Phones	3,767.20	3,200.00		117.73%
				Priest				
				Car Allowance	2,400.80			
				Compensation	40,130.52			
				Medica/Life Insurance	16,121.76			
				Retirement Payment	6,673.00			
				Priest - Other	0.00	64,748.96		0.0%
				Total Priest	65,326.08	64,748.96		100.89%
				Property Maintenance				

				Facilities maint and repairs	1,316.08			
				Grounds Keeping Services	11,630.64			
				Petty Cash Expenses	74.91			
				Purchases	1,533.41			
				Property Maintenance - Other	100.00	20,000.00		0.5%
				Total Property Maintenance	14,655.04	20,000.00		73.28%
				Prosphora Expense	149.99			
				Rental Expense	21.67			
				Second Priest	7,200.00	7,200.00		100.0%
				Secretary	7,200.00	7,200.00		100.0%
				Special Appeals Expense				
				Christmas Appeal Expense	62.94			
				Paschal Appeal Expense	238.11			
				Total Special Appeals Expense	301.05			
				Stewardship Materials	152.49	161.71		94.3%
				Sunday Lunch Expense				
				Hall Cleaning	6,715.40	5,512.00		121.83%
				Kitchen Supplies	5,255.26	6,000.00		87.59%
				Total Sunday Lunch Expense	11,970.66	11,512.00		103.98%
				To Sisterhood (Clergy Gifts)	1,300.00			
				66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	-0.20			
				Total Expense	427,808.45	395,855.55		108.07%
				Net Income	-82,046.42	20,094.45		-408.3%
				Other Income/Expense				
				Other Income				
				Donation - Storage & Hall	80,000.00			
				Estate Disbursement	215,253.43			
				Total Other Income	295,253.43			
				Other Expense				
				Storage & Hall Extension	75,849.34			
				Total Other Expense	75,849.34			
				Net Other Income	219,404.09			
				Net Income	137,357.67	20,094.45		683.56%

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Proposed Budget 2011				01/23/2011
January 2011				Cash Basis
				Jan-Dec 11
Income/Expense				
Income				
Building Fund Income				
			Donations to Blding Fund	80,000.00
			Glendi-Sisterhood	25,000.00
			Interest on Checking account	950.00
			Margaret Sakovich Mem Trust	650.00
			Rent Rec'd	22,000.00
			Total Building Fund Income	128,600.00
			Candles Income	16,000.00
			Cell Phone Reimbursement	1,300.00
			Charity Rec'd	23,000.00
			Church School offerings	1,200.00
			Icon Fund Income	20,000.00
			Missions & Evangelism	1,500.00
			Plate Offering	15,000.00
			Pledge	95,000.00
			Prospora	3,000.00
			Seminary Assistance	2,000.00
			Special Appeals Income	
			Christmas appeal income	8,000.00
			Pascha appeal income	9,000.00
			Total Special Appeals Income	17,000.00
			Special Donations	25,000.00
			Sunday Lunches	15,000.00
			Total Income	363,600.00
			Gross Profit	363,600.00
Expense				
			Advertisement	800.00
			Altar Needs	3,000.00
			Bank Expenses	200.00
			Building Fund Expenses	
			Bank Loan - New	28,100.00

					Repairs & Improvements	11,000.00
					Russian Home of Mercy 2	33,500.00
					Total Building Fund Expenses	72,600.00
					Candle Expenses	12,000.00
					Charity Expense	23,000.00
					Choir Director	13,200.00
					Diocesan Assembly Expenses	1,000.00
					Diocese of the West	15,000.00
					Education	
					Adult Classes	750.00
					Pamphlets	300.00
					Retreat Expenses	500.00
					Youth Group Expenses	500.00
					Total Education	2,050.00
					Garbage	4,000.00
					Government Costs	930.00
					Icon Fund Expense	30,000.00
					Insurance	
					Property	4,748.00
					Worker's Compensation	940.00
					Total Insurance	5,688.00
					Miscellaneous Expense	1,500.00
					Mission and Evangelism	800.00
					OCA	
					Fair Share	12,500.00
					Total OCA	12,500.00
					Office expenses	
					Copy Machine	2,100.00
					General Supplies	2,100.00
					Parish Website	500.00
					Petty Cash Expense	1,500.00
					Postage	600.00
					Office expenses - Other	1,000.00
					Total Office expenses	7,800.00
					PG&E	8,000.00
					Phones	3,500.00
					Priest	69,326.00

			Property Maintenance	
			Facilities maint and repairs	35,000.00
			Property Maintenance - Other	12,850.00
			Total Property Maintenance	47,850.00
			Prosphora Expense	536.00
			Second Priest	7,200.00
			Secretary	7,200.00
			Special Appeals Expense	
			Christmas Appeal Expense	500.00
			Total Special Appeals Expense	500.00
			Sunday Lunch Expense	
			Hall Cleaning	6,720.00
			Kitchen Supplies	5,500.00
			Total Sunday Lunch Expense	12,220.00
			To Sisterhood (Clergy Gifts)	1,200.00
			Total Expense	363,600.00
			Net Income	0.00

REPORT OF THE SISTERHOOD

To the 2011 Annual Meeting

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ;

The Sisterhood experienced some small changes this year with the election of four new officers: President, Co-President Julie Wycoff, Co-Vice President Tatiana Castillo, and Co-Treasurer Catherine Veenis, and during the last part of the year, Lisa Moroz (nee Thomas) as Secretary. As you all know, Barb Owens, our President for the last 15 years stepped down and left some awfully big shoes to fill! With Barb's constant help and advice though, we managed to steer the Sisterhood through the many feasts, receptions and fundraisers fairly successfully, I think. This opportunity has allowed me to fully comprehend just how much the Sisterhood contributes to the Parish! Thanks to our fundraising activities such as: making and selling Piroshki, Pelmeni and Pascha cheese, Blini and the Holiday Bazaar, we were able to buy new blue vestments for our servers, help our intern priest get settled in, provide Mother's Day baskets to women in shelters, contribute to 3 local charities and sponsor a wonderful retreat by Fr. Andrew Morbey. This is in addition of course to our "regular" parish duties such as cleaning the hall, organizing Agape meals, Mercy Meals, preparing for three parish festal meals and decorating the church, to name a few.

One accomplishment this year was to establish a "flower committee" responsible for decorating the church each week and on feast days. With Natalie Hansen's blessing (and under her strict guidance), Patricia Kruger and her helpers have managed to beautifully carry on in her tradition. In addition, the Prospora bakers, under the leadership of Matushka Xenia Schettig have been hard at work, providing the bread of the Holy Eucharist and the offering loaves. I'd like thank my officer's for their support and the entire Sisterhood for their patience and understanding as I stumbled down this new path.

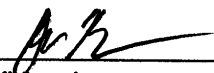
I'd also like to thank and acknowledge every member of the parish who has helped and contributed with the many jobs it takes to keep our parish running by cleaning, cooking, organizing, decorating and jumping in wherever it was needed. This is truly a warm and welcoming community in which I feel blessed to be a part of. Thank you all for your support and encouragement and may the Lord bless you in your endeavors.

With love in Christ,
Xenia Pribyl, Sisterhood President

Parish of the Protection of the Holy Virgin				
Sisterhood Report				
for the year ending December 31, 2010				
Income and special expenses		Revenue	Expense	Net
Banking costs (income = savings xfer + bank adjustments)			\$ 12.60	\$ (12.60)
Blini Bake Sale		\$ 171.50		\$ 171.50
Charity (Annual 10% + Mother's Day gifts)			\$ 1,100.00	\$ (1,100.00)
Christmas Bazaar/Bake sale/Pelemini	(\$20 from 2009)	\$ 2,855.65	\$ 224.75	\$ 2,630.90
Clergy gifts- income from Council 50%	includes cards	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,699.12	\$ (1,399.12)
Feast meals			\$ 51.71	\$ (51.71)
Flowers - Church and Funerals and birthdays		\$ 525.00	\$ 558.09	\$ (33.09)
Funeral meals			\$ 30.75	\$ (30.75)
Income/Expenses Other (Freezer sale/postage/Cuneos)		\$ 53.00	\$ 332.06	\$ (279.06)
Liturgical Vestments - income is	transfer from Savings		\$ 889.43	\$ (889.43)
Pascha Cheese and Kulich/ Eggs		\$ 50.00	\$ 21.84	\$ 28.16
Pelemini (outside Bazaar)		\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00
Piroshki		\$ 4,501.00	\$ 412.90	\$ 4,088.10
St. Eugene's Camp - 2 children			\$ 660.00	\$ (660.00)
Travel/Honorarium/Food for Retreat(s)			\$ 1,101.53	\$ (1,101.53)
Totals		\$ 9,486.15	\$ 8,094.78	\$ 1,391.37
Startup Money-Blini/Bazaar - not real income or expense		\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	
To match Details sheet		\$10,036.15	\$ 8,644.78	
2010 Beginning Checking Balance			2939.38	
Total Income			\$ 10,036.15	
Total Expenses			\$ 8,644.78	
Current Balance	Westamerica checking balance		\$ 4,330.75	
Balance- First Community Bank	Savings Account balance		\$ 5,730.93	

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT - 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

I (We), DeKern
have examined the financial records for the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Holy Virgin. I (We) am/are satisfied with the presentation, procedures and records, and believe they accurately represent the activity and balances of the Sisterhood fund accounts for the year ending December 31, 2010.

SIGNED:  DATED: 1-23-2011
(Name)

_____ DATED: _____
(Name)

GLENDI COMMITTEE REPORT

For the 2011 Annual Meeting

We made a bold decision while preparing for the 2010 Glendi. At Father Lawrence's suggestion, we reduced our entrance fee from \$10 to \$5 for all those ages 12 and over. No special deals. No senior rates. This is the first time in many years that we have had a single entry fee. We re-evaluated our food pricing and tried to bring it up to cover our increasing costs in that area. The gamble was that with a lower entrance fee we would attract a larger crowd, and that the guests would have more money to spend on our wonderful food once they were in the door. The gamble worked!! Our attendance was up and even with the 50% reduction in our basic adult entrance fee our total income was also up!

This year we also had many new people working in all areas of the Glendi. As one example, Ellen Aylward was finally able to step down as Kebob Booth Chair when Ryan Isaac Ferguson and Jeff Scarborough took over. Additionally, after a successful trial of a new chicken kebob, we have decided to formally include it on the 2011 Glendi menu.

After several years of trying to step down, Father Lawrence has removed himself from the Glendi leadership group effective with the completion of Glendi 2010. The 2011 Glendi leadership group includes: Debbie Buse, Bobbi Griovski, Barbara Owens, Genevieve and Marc Richardson and Esther Schau. Look for regular updates in the parish newsletter as planning for Glendi 2011 gets under way.

Glendi 2011 will face the special challenge of needing to work around the construction and remodeling schedules for the new storage building and the expanded hall. The leadership group will be working closely with the building committee to be sure that everything gets done on time. For the next few months the main task of the leadership group will be to plan a schedule that will allow Glendi preparation activities to mesh with the construction and remodeling schedule and then to confirm booth and area leadership rolls.

When you receive a call about Glendi, please respond generously with a commitment of your time and talents. It takes everyone in the parish, working together to make this event successful. If you wish to volunteer your services please contact one of the members of the leadership group. If we don't hear from you, you will surely be hearing from us. Thanks again to all who participated in making Glendi 2010 the success it was.

Submitted by: Glendi Leadership Group

GLENDI FINANCIAL REPORT

2010

Income:

Event receipts:	\$	53,168.31
Post-event receipts:	\$	885.00
Total Income:	\$	<u>54,053.31</u>

Expenses:

Advertising	\$	2,911.59
Program/Printing	\$	556.78
Parking/Bus	\$	4,347.50
Sanitation/First Aid	\$	1,475.72
Labor (dishwashers)	\$	375.00
Entertainment	\$	3,180.00
Equipment/Grounds/Set-up	\$	909.57
Ice & Event Freezer	\$	885.75
Equipment Rentals	\$	1,550.99
Office/Postage/Credit Card fees	\$	542.27
Raffel (cash prize)	\$	750.00
Booth Expenses	\$	9,860.41
Total Expenses:	\$	<u>27,345.58</u>

Net Profit: \$ 26,707.73

Paid to charity account in December 2010 **Charities: \$ 2,700.00** 10% of Net

Paid in October & December 2010 **Building Fund Donations: \$ 22,000.00**

Tents & Tables **2010 Capital Outlay already made: \$ 1,082.02**

2010 Balance Available: \$ 925.71

Our net income for the 2010 Glendi is up more than \$3000 from last year. This is due to a combination of higher income and lower expenses in some areas. The decision to lower our entrance fee has paid off.

We were able to attract a larger group of people who then were able to spend more on food, beverages and crafts.

The 2010 balance will be reserved for capital outlay in 2011

SAINT SERAPHIM BOOKSTORE

Annual Report to the 2011 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.

Managers: Lew Baer and Bonnie Alexander

Retail Staff: James Hood, Gretchen McPherson, Dana Ames and Bonnie Alexander. Substitutes: Anastasia Broeder and Mica Castillo

Accounting:

Opening Balance: \$3751.99

Closing Balance: \$6062.34

Net Income: \$2310.35

Year-End Donations: \$2000.00 (Recipients to be determined)

Staffing: Retail staff scheduling is done via e-mail. The four retail volunteers rotate, each working about one Sunday a month. One or two more volunteers would be helpful.

Lew Baer and Bonnie Alexander have been sharing the managerial responsibilities for the past year. Lew oversees the ordering, marketing and physical aspects of the bookstore while Bonnie takes care of the finances and scheduling. We have filed papers with the State of California under the new name, St. Seraphim Bookstore, and opened a new checking account.

Miscellaneous: We currently have an excellent team of volunteers, who willingly give of their time and talents. We cannot thank them enough! We hope the Parishioners will participate in the building of the bookstore by continuing to patronize us and by making suggestions about what titles we stock.

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

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CHOIR REPORT FOR THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Financial Summary for the Year ended December 31, 2010

INCOME:

CD Sales.....	\$833.81
Funeral.....	\$500.00
Concerts	\$250.00
Gifts.....	\$500.00
Total	\$2,083.81

EXPENDITURES

Charity / Haiti Relief.....	\$1000.00
Charity / Project Mexico	\$1,000.00
Charity Tithe / Kazan Skeet	\$250.00
Charity Tithe / Holy Assumption	\$250.00
Supplies.....	\$489.24
Shipping CD orders.....	\$107.95
Choir Director Assistance	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$278.36
Funeral Honoraria for singers	\$500.00
Total.....	\$4,375.55
<i>Net Decrease</i>	<i>\$2,291.74</i>

Summary

Starting Balance 1/1/2010.....	\$6,045.04
Income.....	\$2,083.81
Expenses	\$4,375.55
 <i>Balance 12/31/2010</i>	 <i>\$3,753.30</i>

CD Sales & Comps

Attend, O Heaven.....	57
Behold Your God.....	70
Total.....	127

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

“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)

When summer ended and the dust of Glendi settled a bit, St. Seraphim’s Church School was ready to go. This year, after many years of excellent supervision, Lara Anderson helped me (Fr. Andrew) take over and learn how the school operates at the parish. While I am the “Coordinator” for the Church School this year, I would be remiss in not mentioning that Lara Anderson, alongside Fr. Lawrence, have provided invaluable guidance. They truly have the spiritual well-being of the children in mind.

The numbers this year are not markedly different from last year. We registered students for the 2010-11 year in late September, as usual, and began teaching on October 3rd, 2010. Nine teachers kindly volunteered to teach the classes after most Liturgies for 20-30 minute classes – food and snacks are also provided by numerous parents week to week. The numbers of children who actually attend church school is perhaps the hardest statistic to quantify. I list the ‘ranges’ of attendees in the sections that follow, and it is worth bearing in mind that the somewhat staccato attendance, particularly, but not only, of visiting Eritrean children, makes for challenges in continuity of curriculum. The teachers do an excellent job to make sure that there is always something valuable to teach, whoever happens to turn up.

In addition to the steady classes, an autumn Harvest Festival took place to provide a (very) fun alternative to Halloween, and the St. Nicholas Party proved its customary success. The gold-panning outing planned by Fred Krueger and Laurel Counts provided a terrific chance for our older students to join with youth from other churches, as did the visit of a sizable contingent from St. Andrew’s Antiochian Orthodox Church. This latter group camped on our grounds and joined our youth for a wonderful BBQ and fellowship.

The five sets of church school classes are described in what follows:

Preschool-Kindergarten (ages 3-6)

Teacher: Gloria Collins

Support Staff: Christina Tellefson, Lara Anderson

Class size: 6 children typically attend, with up to 10 at times. The class meets in the small room behind the library.

Curriculum: The year has gone very well and the children are excited to learn and soak up the material. They have effectively tracked along with the major feasts and saints of the year. In addition, for a Nativity project, the children have raised money for a charity of the Church’s choice.

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

Teacher: Dylan & Tamara Crawford

Class size: 12-20. This class meets in the big room adjacent to the library.

Curriculum: This large class has followed, in effect, the calendar of major saints and feast days with the aid of a set of books. The Twelve Great Feasts for Young People has proven helpful, as it supplies icons which the class can then color. Other teaching sources include: The Wonder of it All, We Learn About God (for hands-on activities), and God Gives Life.

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

Teacher: Tatiana Castillo

Support Staff: Lara Anderson, Dana Ames

Class size: 6-15. The class meets in the Choir rehearsal room above the narthex in St. Seraphim's.

Curriculum: This class has paid especial attention to the mystery of Confession, using the *Path to Confession* as a reference book (roughly one chapter a week). Classes boil down 'general' sins into real-life terms by considering what specific sins look like in every day situations. Additionally, the students have benefited from studying their particular patron saints and will continue to research saints' lives.

Seventh and Eight Grades (Ages 12-13)

Teacher: Sarah Hamner

Class Size: 4-7 students was a typical range. The group meets in the Pokrov Church.

Curriculum: The theme of the class was the spiritual disciplines. Consequently, it focused on the habit and content of daily prayer, principles of fasting, and how to live an Orthodox life day-to-day. Fr. Hopko's book *The Winter Pascha* served well at times, even if it was too elevated at others.

Ninth through Twelfth Grades (Ages 14-18)

Teacher: Vincent Rossi

Support Staff: Fred Krueger

Class size: Varies! 3-9. The class meets in the Church Office.

Curriculum: The focus this year has been on topical subjects of interest to high schoolers, e.g. Creation & Evolution, being Orthodox in a non-Orthodox world, how the Feast of Theophany relates to the environment, etc. Classes have also worked to deepen students' understanding of the Lord Prayer and the Beatitudes through careful, line-by-line attention and discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Andrew Cuneo

Church School Coordinator

ICONOGRAPHY REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2011

Prepared by Fr. Lawrence Margitich

The **Fresco Plan** and **Price List**, which we've been working off of now for two years, is available at any time for your perusal. It would be nice to post all the information on a parish bulletin board, but at the moment there isn't a good spot for that.

PANELS IN PROGRESS (a "panel" is an icon on a board, rather than a fresco)

St. Andrew of Crete, Sunday of Orthodoxy

PANELS PAINTED THIS YEAR

St. Mary of Egypt, St. Gregory Palamas, St. John of the Ladder, Raising of Lazarus

FRESCOS PAINTED THIS YEAR:

1. St. John of Shanghai and SF
2. St. Tikhon of Moscow
3. St. Innocent of Alaska
4. St. Anthony the Great
5. St. Paul of Thebes
6. St. Maximos the Confessor
7. St. Stephen the Confessor
8. St. Nilus of Sora
9. St. Columba of Iona
10. St. Isidora
11. St. Esther
12. St. Macrina
13. New Martyr Elizabeth, Grand duchess
14. St. Irene the Great Martyr
15. St. Catherine the Great Martyr

FRESCOS COMMISSIONED, IN PLANNING

1. St. Raphael of Brooklyn
2. St. Benjamin of Petrograd, New Martyr
3. Theophany (awaiting funds)
4. Prophet Moses & Burning Bush (awaiting funds)
5. Pentecost, east wall, north side
6. St. George the Great Martyr
7. St. Ignatius Brianchaninov
8. Prophet Ezekiel in the dome
9. St. James the Brother of the Lord
10. Elders of Optina Monastery
11. Transfiguration of Christ (partial funds given)
12. Resurrection—*Descent into Hades* (partial funds given)
13. Nativity of the Theotokos (partial funds given)
14. Myrrh-bearers (2 Marys)

15. St. Zosima & St. Mary of Egypt
16. Feeding of the 5000
17. Washing of the Feet (from Holy Week)
18. St. Lucia of Syracuse (partial funds given)
19. St. Marina
20. St. Nona
21. St. Moses the Black
22. Prophet Daniel in the Lion's Den
23. St. Elizabeth, mother of St John the Baptist (partial funds given)

In general, fresco painting will take place from the top of the church to bottom floor level, meaning that icons higher up will be painted first, to avoid damage to those below 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 area above it has been painted. Exceptions can sometimes be arranged, at the discretion of the painters.

PANTOCRATOR IN DOME:

We have been saving for this fresco for eleven years now, and are so very grateful to all those who contribute regularly to this major painting project. We have saved sufficient funds for the large face of the Savior, and for the angels around Him. We would like to also have all the Prophets in the dome commissioned (only one commissioned at the moment) when we begin to paint the Pantocrator, to do everything up there together. The entire dome painting is projected to take about six months, and will necessitate building a floor at the dome, with a stairway either inside the church or outside, with access by a window. Last year we projected that the painting for the Pantocrator would begin around October 2010, but many factors necessitated a delay. As one can understand, this is a huge project, and will need to be planned out carefully before starting. Other church have painted their domes more quickly. How? By the artist doing a mural on canvas using acrylic paints, in his studio, then gluing the paintings (various pieces) to the dome. We are doing fresco painting—a tried, true, ancient and Traditional method—which involves doing the painting directly on the wet plaster, in place. The colors and texture of acrylic is not to be compared to that of fresco.

I would be most happy to speak to anyone desiring to sponsor a fresco. I thank you for your contributions as we work together toward the theological beautification in color of our Holy Temple.

With love in Christ,
Father Lawrence

PARISH MINISTRIES

Areas of need

- **Church Cleaners:** additional cleaners needed
- **Youth Coordinators:** coordinators for elementary and middle school activities
- **Charity Committee Coordinator:** *vacant*
- **Yard Work Maintenance:** *vacant*
- **Sisterhood Secretary:** *vacant*
- **Librarians:** *need additional personnel needed*

ELECTIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2011

General Information

Requirements: All nominations are to be submitted no later than one week prior to the Annual Meeting so that the nominees can consider if they are able or qualified to serve. 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: 2011

Ole Kern (stepped down), George Artemoff, Lydia Nicholson

Members whose terms expire:

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

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

Serge Anderson, Petar Griovski, Nick Nicholson, Bonnie Alexander

Current Alternate/term expires now:

Ole Kern, Dee Skikos

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH ELECTIONS

For Parish Council Elections

Please vote for FIVE of the names listed below.

- 1) Lew Vladimir Baer
- 2) Preston Booker
- 3) Debbie Elizabeth Buse
- 4) Gary Collins
- 5) Ole Kern
- 6) Sergei Moroz
- 7) Denise Pellizzer

The first FIVE highest vote getters are elected to the church Council for a two year term. The next two highest vote getters will be the alternates who will serve for one year as alternates, or if needed to fill out someone's term they will fulfill that member's term be it one month or up to two years.

For Representatives to the All American Council in Seattle, October 31–Nov. 4, 2011

A discussion regarding delegate responsibilities will take place at the Annual Meeting. We are allotted one Lay Delegate for every clergyman assigned to our Parish (we have three assigned priests and two deacons). This gives us a possible five delegates to the Council, although one delegate will suffice. Nominations for delegates will be made and chosen during the Annual Meeting. Nominees must be full parish members, per the By-laws above.

For Auditors

- 1) Lydia Nicholson
- 2) George Artemoff

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.