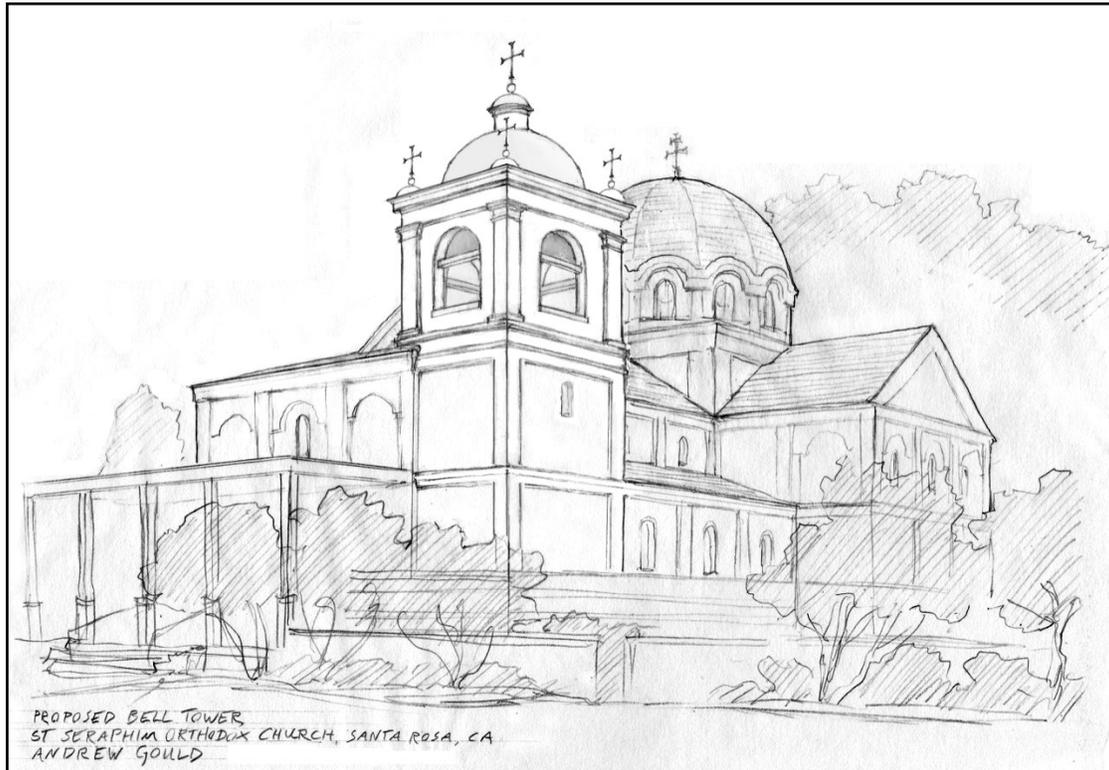


2019 ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

FEBRUARY 3, 2019



THE PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY AND SAINT SERAPHIM OF SAROV CATHEDRAL

The Orthodox Church in America • Diocese of the West

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington
His Eminence, the Most Rev. Benjamin, Archbishop of San Francisco and the West
His Grace, the Right Rev. Daniel, Bishop of Santa Rosa

Archpriest Lawrence Margitich, *Rector*
Archpriest John Schettig
Priest Nicholas Carr
Deacon John Kotalik

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AGENDA for 2019 Meeting

1. Call to Order ~ Opening Prayers:
“O Heavenly King” & Prayer. “Memory Eternal” and “Many Years”
2. Appointment of Recording Secretary, Chairman and Tellers
3. Count to Establish Quorum
4. Acceptance/Correction of Minutes from previous Annual Meeting of February 11, 2018
5. Review Agenda, add additional items, if any
6. Reports (additional comments and questions):
 - a. Comments from Rector
 - b. Treasurer’s Report — comments/explanation on the income and expenses of 2018
7. New Business:
 - a. Consideration and adoption of 2019 Budget
 - b. Elections for Parish Council — *see Candidate list*, pg. 53
 - c. Nomination of Honorary Life Time Member
 - d. Open Forum/ Questions
 - e. Report of Elections
 - f. 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 **74** since we will be reporting to the Diocese that we have **146 financially supporting adult members who regularly attend, confession and commune in this parish** (last year we reported 140)

Please note: there are NO DUES for Parish Membership! The Church is not a club or union and therefore has no membership fees. Parish Members are those who believe, act and worship according to the Orthodox Faith and financially support their parish, as an offering of thanks to God, from whatever resources He has given.

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.” (page 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 who openly betrays the doctrine, morals and liturgical life of the Orthodox Church can be a member, nor can those who act or lead their lives 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 one’s home parish at least once a year [new bylaws are being prepared. The phrase ‘*once a year*’ will be changed to ‘*on a regular basis*’];
 3. attends the parish for a period of thirty days

HONORARY LIFE-TIME MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

- Alex Sokol (nominated in 1993), reposed
- Eugenia Vorobey (1994), reposed 1999
- Nick and Olga Belenkoff (1995). Nick reposed 2005, Olga in 2009
- Magda Sokol (1996), reposed 2004
- Catherine Balatzki (1997), reposed 2003
- Leonid Sakovich (1998), reposed 2001
- Alexandra Hrenoff (1999), reposed 2004
- Musya Sakovich (2000), reposed 2016
- Sophie Silverman (2001), reposed 2015
- Archpriest Michael (reposed 2017) & Matushka Eleanor Margitich (2002)
- Eugene Gordenev (2003), reposed 2005
- Zoya Drake, (2004), reposed 2018
- Olga Canyuch (2005), reposed 2005
- Petar & Eugenia Griovski (2006)
- Andrew Skikos (2007)
- Nina Antipova (2008), reposed 2016
- Sarah Ingenito (2009), reposed 2009
- Barbara Owens (2009)
- Natalie Hansen (2010), reposed 2010
- Alla Keyes (2011)
- Tesfom Gebremichael and Mhret Weldu (2012)
- Nilus Veenis (2013)
- Eleni Rose (2014)
- John and Deanna Panages (2015)
- Catherine and Gregory Sanford (2016)
- Tom and Denise Pellizzer (2017)
- Deacon Jeremiah and Catherine Crawford (2018)

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 2018

- **Council Members for 2018**

Starosta: Serge Anderson; *Parish Treasurer:* Martin Thong

Secretary: Bonnie Alexander

Members: Tom Pellizzer, Debbie Buse, Theodore Dechant, Freddie Myles, Gary Peter Collins, Hanne Aftim, George Barsi, *Sisterhood President:* Kira Staykow

- **Ordained clergy**

Archpriest Lawrence Margitich—*rector*

Archpriest John Schettig, Priest Nicholas Carr—*attached*

Deacon John Kotalik—*attached intern*

- **Active Tonsured Readers:**

Nicolas Craig Custer, Justin Margitich, Nilus Veenis, Andrew Mikrikov, Tom Stephen Pellizzer, Timothy Hopkins

- **Altar Servers:**

Subdeacon Marc Richardson, Subdeacon Joseph Lovell, Reader Timothy Hopkins, Gary John Collins, Michael Mwaniki, Max Mwaniki, Gabriel Nicholson, Reader Nilus Veenis, Herman Vasquez, Desmond Myles, Christopher Gilluly, John Gilluly, Gary Peter Collins, Theodore Ranney, Ambrose Brodeur, Gabriel Scarborough, Luke Rademacher, Paul Garret Hamner

- **Registry of Services/Sacraments:**

Subdeacon Marc and Fr. Lawrence

- **Choir Members:**

Choir Master: Reader Nicolas Craig Custer

Assistant Directors: Readers Steven Tom Pellizzer and Justin Margitich

Sopranos: Dana Ames, Catherine Ostling, Katherine Willens, Eleni Rose, Carmen Anderson, Shenina, Elizabeth Allen, Sophia Basch, Lucy Martin, Emma Anderson, Natasha Collins

Altos: Bonnie Alexander, Ellen Aylward, Jeanie Carl, Bobbi Griovski, Genevieve Richardson, Barbara Owens, Janine Kotalik

Tenors: Ole Elisha Kern, Steven Tom Pellizzer, Dimitri Nicholson, Matushka Esther Carr

Basses: George Artemoff, Justin Margitich, Michael Dovey, Basil Scarborough, Bartholemew Vincent DePaul, Spencer Seraphim Longmann

- **Children's Choir:**

Sophia and Larisa Basch; Ambrose and Ella Brodeur; Natasha, Ashley, Simeon and Markus Collins; Raquel and Alexis Dechant; Rowan and Molly Hamner; Justina Marino; Desmond and Annemarie Myles; Maximo Rossi

Teachers: Carmen Anderson, Ellen Aylward, Jeanie Carl, Genevieve Richardson

• **Sacristan and Assistants who served during the year:**

Ryan Isaac Ferguson—*Head Sacristan*; Nilus Veenis—*retired*; Leonard Longinus Carl, Asya Samardzhieva, Elsie Avalon, Sarah Hamner and Catechumens—*assistants*

• **Prospora & Preparation of Holy Bread:**

Matushka Xenia Schettig—*Head Baker*; *Dough makers:* George Artemoff, Asya Sarmadzhiev, Len and Jeannie Carl; *Bakers:* Xenia Schettig, Lara Anderson, Barbara Owens, Gretchen MacPherson, Genevieve Richardson, Ray Basch, Elena Alexei,
Storage: Gloria Collins

• **Bell Ringers:**

Fr. Lawrence, Spencer Seraphim Longmann, Tom Pellizzer, James Carr, Cosmos Harrison

• **Sunday offerings:**

Rotating group of young girls, with parental assistance

• **Candle Desk Attendants:**

Catherine Carpenter, Karen Werder, Denise Pellizzer, Elena Alexei, Debbie Buse, Lydia Nicholson, James Carr, Lisa Wespiser (moved), Kathy Ramos, Kathleen Rhodes

• **Greeters:**

Lydia and Nick Nicholson—*Assistants*

• **Usher Teams:**

Elsie Avalon and Martin Thong; Seraphim Spencer Longmann and Alexander Stameroff; Shannon Winterton and Eleni Rose; Preston Booker and Vladimir Baer
(Theodore Dechant, stepping down)

• **Church Cleaning:**

Parish members sign up to clean. *Regular participants:* Basil and Adriel Magdalene Scarborough and family, Barbara Owens, Kathleen Rhodes, Nicholson family, Rademacher family, Alexander and Hannah Stameroff, Elsie Avalon, and others

• **Temple Floral Decorations:**

Denise Pellizzer—*Coordinator for a new team of volunteers*

• **Vestment Sewing & Ironing:**

Genevieve Richardson, Maria Vasquez, Barbara Owens

Buildings and Grounds:

• **Lawn:**

Gary Collins

- **Garden:**

Ann Margitich—*Coordinator*

- **Facilities: Repair & Maintenance:**

Tom and Denise Pellizzer—*Coordinators*; Gregory Sanford, Herman Vasquez, George Artemoff

- **Duplex Rental Manager:**

Vladimir Baer

Hospitality, Fellowship & Outreach

- **Sisterhood Officers:**

Kira Staykow, Kathleen Rhodes, Eleni Rose, Deanna Panages, Juliana Veenis

- **Sunday Lunches:**

Eleni Rose—*Coordinator*

- **Senior/Retired Lunch Fellowship:**

Barbara Owens, Debbie Buse, Natasha Collins

- **Kitchen organization:**

Bobbi Griovski, Esther Schau, Debbie Buse, Serge Anderson, Grace van Curen, Esther Carr

- **Youth Coordination:**

Church School Staff

- **Young Adult Group (18–25):**

James Carr

- **Mercy Meals for the Sick:**

Kira Staykow

- **Parish Hall Event Coordinator and Manager:**

Debbie Buse

- **Ride Ministry:**

Deanna Panages

- **Funeral Arrangements / Care for the Reposed:**

For men: Serge Anderson, Panteliemon Duval

For women: Shenina, Bonnie Alexander, Christina DeMichele, Gretchen McPherson, Lorna Booker

- **Retreats Organization:**

Deanna Panages and others—*Coordinator*

Communication

- **Still photography (events, retreats, etc).**

Aaron Brodeur, Esther Carr

- **Bookstore:**

Vladimir Baer, Bonnie Alexander, *Managers; Staff:* Dana Ames, Gretchen McPherson, Spencer Seraphim Longmann, Tamara Singer (moved to Calistoga monastery)

- **Parish Photo-directory phone list:**

Bobbi Griovski

Education & Community Life

- **Church School:**

Gloria Colleen Collins—*Coordinator*; Vicky Basch, Garret and Sarah Hamner, Herman Vasquez, Niki Myles, John Gilluly, Adriel Scarborough, Rebekah Aftim, Maiah Martha Lucas

- **Catechists:**

Fr. Lawrence and parish clergy, Matushka Esther Carr, Matushka Ann Margitich, Ray Basch, Gretchen McPherson, Alexander Stameroff, John Gilluly, David and Shannon Winterton

- **Library:**

James Carr, Deacon John, Cathy Veenis

- **Scrip Director:**

Shenina—*Coordinator*

Charitable Activities

- **Catholic Charities “St. Philaret Room” Liaison:**

Denise and Tom Pellizzer

- **Angels Unawares Homeless Outreach with Redwood Gospel Mission:**

Michael and Rachel Dovey

- **Redwood Empire Food Bank:**

Denise and Tom Pellizzer, along with a large group of volunteers

Administration

- **Auditors:**

Charles Russell

- **Church Office:**

Bobbi Griovski—*Secretary*

Ole Kern—*Assistant to the Treasurer*

Maria Vasquez, Barbara Owens—*Office assistants*

Anastasia Brodeur—*Software support*

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 11, 2018

1. We began with hymns and prayer at 12:30 pm.
2. Appointments:
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Alexander; Chairman: Tom Steven Pellizzer; Tellers: Denise Pellizzer, Debbie Buse, Garret Hamner and Lara Anderson.
3. Count to Establish Quorum:
82 in attendance; quorum met
4. Acceptance/Correction of Minutes from February 5, 2017 Annual Meeting:
Minutes were accepted as presented.
5. Review of Agenda: No additions to the agenda
6. Rector's Comments:
 - a. Noted that this is the first meeting since Fr. Michael's repose. This represents a profound change for our parish.
 - b. We are approaching 150 financially supporting members (although we have many more people in church) and that means we need to begin investigating a mission parish elsewhere, e.g., Petaluma, Sonoma or the like. This is something that is in the early stages of consideration.
 - c. Please refer to the Rector's Report in the Ministry Reports booklet.
7. Ministry Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report—presented by Martin Thong
 - i. Expressed thanks to Bobbi and all those who provide assistance to the Treasurer
 - ii. Glendi income is being absorbed by parishioner donations designated to cover the shortfall from not having a Glendi. Many parishioners have also increased their regular giving.
 - iii. The excellent Auditor's Report suggested that we need to account for checks written to "Cash." We know that those checks went to Fr. Lawrence for the charity discretionary fund. He keeps a ledger of all charitable gifts.
 - b. Auditor's Report
 - i. Presented by Charles and Daphne Russell. See item *Aiii* in the Treasurer's Report.
 - c. Master Plan Presentation:
 - i. Sean Esbjorn-Hargens presented the report and details of the functions of the Master Planning Committee. (b) Question about Connelly Lane – Joseph Marino described the church community at Eagle River, Alaska where members live around the church and suggested that homes along nearby Connelly Lane would be a great way for us to do that, too. (c) Steeple/Bell Tower is probably two years down the road; it has been designed, and the sketch appears on the cover of the Report Booklets. (d) Bay 2 of storage building will be adapted for multiple uses in collaboration with the Sunday School staff and others who would use the space. Serge Anderson is heading up this effort.
 - d. Glendi/Fundraising Events:

- i. Lew Baer suggests that we need to replace the Glendi with a project/event that increases our visibility in the community, such as participating in the Rose Parade with banners. We could also have an event, perhaps a BBQ party with typically American music (Gospel music) to raise funds. See Lew Baer today and we will organize a meeting to make these things happen. Reader Nicolas Custer suggested we have a “Feast of Faith” that features food, church tours and other spiritual events. This suggestion was well-received.
 - e. Sisterhood Report:
 - i. Kyra Staykow reported that discussions of the vision and ministry of the Sisterhood are ongoing. Stay tuned for progress in this regard.
 - f. Church School Report:
 - i. Gloria Collins expressed many thanks for the staff of the Church School; for the first time we have two teachers for each class and Adriel Scarborough is developing a program for the “Littles.” Garret and Sarah Hamner continue to develop and write the curriculum for our Church School. We are very grateful for their input.
 - g. Charity Report:
 - i. Tom and Denise Pellizzer reported that we have the Food Distribution monthly and “Angels Unaware” on a monthly basis. We also support two rooms at the Catholic Charities shelter. Thanks to all who have supported these works throughout the year. They encouraged others to become involved so we could expand this ministry.

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and adoption of 2018 Budget:
 - i. Serge Anderson presented the concept of a second priest to assist Fr. Lawrence as our parish continues to grow. This explains the \$55,000 item under expenses. The final decision is up to the Bishop, with input from Fr. Lawrence and the Parish Council. The Bishop and Parish Council are fully supportive of moving forward.
 - ii. Motion: To accept the 2018 Budget as presented. M/S/Carried: Joseph Marino/Lew Baer. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Elections for Parish Council:
 - i. Candidates for four open positions and two alternate positions are Serge Anderson, Bonnie Alexander, Hanne Aftim, Gary Collins, Adriel Scarborough, Alex Stameroff and Katharine Willens.
- c. Confirmation of Treasurer:
 - i. As stipulated in the By-Laws, our treasurer, Martin Thong, whose position is appointed, was confirmed to serve for the next two years by a unanimous show of hands.
- d. Nomination of Honorary Lifetime Member:
 - i. Dn. Jeremiah and Katherine Crawford were bestowed Honorary Lifetime Member status after 35 years of service to our Parish.

9. Open Forum/Questions

- a. Mat. Ann requested help with Waffles, who has an aggressive appetite lately. She asked parishioners not to feed him as we deal with this.

- b. The recycling needs to be controlled. Recycling goes into the blue bin; garbage Thirdly, supervision of children is crucial.
- c. Dana Ames noted that we would not ask our own mothers to deal with the trash; don't ask Matushka Ann to deal with it!
- d. Michael Dovey spoke about the *Angels Unaware* that we host monthly. The guests really look forward to our event and we may consider adding a second night each month. Please consider volunteering.
- e. Shenina: Scrip program is self-supporting by enrolling in various programs such as Smile.Amazon.Com. Oliver's is a great supporter of the Scrip program.
- f. Lew Baer proposed (on his knees) having a meeting this Wednesday, Feb. 14 after Vespers (6:30) about participating in the Rose parade.
- g. Nilus thanks the people who help with cleaning the church.
- h. Fr. Lawrence thanked Nilus for his constant efforts in the care of the church.
- i. John Gilluly warned us about the danger of ticks.
- j. Fr. Lawrence encouraged us to review the list of ministries and find something to participate in. He expressed thanks to the clergy, deacons, sub-deacon Marc, and all servers.
- k. Eleni Rose thanked all who helped when she broke her arm for the food, care and love.
- l. Tom Pellizzer thanked the Clergy, Servers and Council for their leadership throughout the year.

10. Election Results:

- a. Serge Anderson, Bonnie Alexander, Adriel Scarborough, Alex Stameroff alternates are Gary Collins and Hanne Aftim.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned with hymns and prayer at 1:49 p.m.

RECTOR’S REPORT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

“...now to the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, to God Who alone is wise, be honor and glory unto ages of ages. Amen.” (1 Timothy 1:17)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We gather each year for our Annual Meeting, directly after the Divine Liturgy, during which we worshipped before the King Eternal, and were united to Him and to one another in the Holy Eucharist. We begin and end our annual meeting, taking care of the “business at hand” in that same spirit.

The scriptural verse from 1 Timothy quoted above, was chosen because it reminds us that we find our true purpose in life, and the meaning of our own lives, in thanksgiving to God and worshipping Him. The first and foremost work of the Christian, as a servant of God, is worship (which is also thanksgiving). Similarly, the primary “duty” of the parish is also worship in all its many forms. And it is in the Divine Liturgy that we find the strength, grace, full spiritual knowledge, hope and joy to do all those other parish activities. In that sense, we can make the claim that the Divine Liturgy defines us, sets our goals, and in fact, fulfills them too. All our other activities flow from this.

I will begin my Rector’s Report with a prayer of gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ for the members of the Parish. On January 1, 1999, Father Michael Margitich was granted retirement by then Bishop Tikhon of San Francisco, who subsequently appointed me to be the rector. Much has been accomplished in those twenty years because of the hard-work and dedication of all our parishioners. I am grateful for the inspiration, patience, good will, generosity, help, wise counsel and support that the members of this parish have shown toward me and toward each other.

MISC. PROJECTS, PROGRAMS & EVENTS DURING 2018

Items Appear in No Particular Order

- Our Diocesan Hierarch, Archbishop Benjamin visited us for the Feast of St. Seraphim on January 2, 2018; for the Paschal Liturgy on Bright Monday, and for the Feast of St. Seraphim on July 19, at which he tonsured Tom Pellizzer as Reader and ordained Deacon Nicholas to the Holy Priesthood. During the St. Seraphim feast on January 2, 2019, Timothy Hopkins was tonsured a Reader. We are grateful to God for these blessings!
- I am so very grateful to God that He provided the parish with a man and his wife—Father Nicholas and Matushka Esther—who are mature in their faith, steady, hardworking, loving and ready to serve the Lord and their brothers and sisters. We thank Thee, O Lord!
- His Grace, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa also came for pastoral visits during the year, and was present at the Feast of St. Seraphim on Jan. 2. We look forward to his visit on the Sunday of Orthodox, March 17 (along with Archbishop Benjamin) and on Saturday, April 6, when he will offer a retreat to the parish on the historical and spiritual importance of Holy Week.
- The Parish Council and the Parish at the Annual Meeting last February approved a motion to offer a part-time salary for second priest. In April 2018 we asked then Deacon Nicholas to petition the Archbishop for ordination to the Holy Priesthood. We thank God for always arranging what is best

for us, and we thank the Carr family for offering Fr. Nicholas to serve as a pastor. Glory to God, things have worked out wonderfully for the parish.

- The Parish also approved funds in 2018 to support the Internship Program. I made arrangements with Alexander Norton from St. Tikhon's Seminary in PA, to come as a three-month intern (with one more year at seminary to go) during the summer. When he left, Deacon John and Janine Kotalik from Seattle came to us for a one-year internship. I thank and laud the Parish Members for their foresight and generosity in funding the internship. This is an investment in the Church at large, not just for ourselves, and in that offering by the parish, we will receive many blessings from God.
- Thanks to Archbishop Benjamin, our clergy staff was briefly increased with the arrival of Father Peter Fermiglia, a longtime former Roman Catholic priest, newly Orthodox and ordained. Fr. Peter served with us during the summer months and helped in countless and wonderful ways. I am personally indebted to him for always being here when we needed him.
- The parish is clearly very grateful for the sacred ministry of Fr John and Matushka Schettig, Fr. Nicholas and Matushka Esther, Deacon John and Matushka Janine. We are beneficiaries in our parish of the work of priests and deacons (alas, we no longer have Deacon Jeremiah and Katherine with us at the moment). These are loving, kind, responsive, prayerful and reliable people!
- I urge all of you to show your gratitude to God for the work of our Subdeacons, especially our Lead Subdeacon Marc and his wife Genevieve, for their tremendous dedication and love for the Divine Liturgy and all the services of the Church. Their many labors are not obvious to most, but they are considerable. We give thanks to Subdeacon Joseph and his wife Ann, for their long-time service to the Church. Serving with all our acolytes, youth or mature, who assist at the Holy Altar, is a great joy for me each and every week.
- Some months ago our senior Sacristan Nilus Veenis had to step down from his duties here to tend to things at home and his health. Reader Nilus served the Lord here at the parish in a magnificent way: As a Parish Reader, Nilus was ready to read and serve at each and every Divine Service on the schedule. That is no exaggeration. Along with his assistants, he also cared for the oil lamps and candle stands before and after each and every Divine Service, always happy and joyful to be a servant in the House of the Lord. Let us thank God that the parish had such an extraordinarily devoted man of the Church. It will be hard, not to say impossible, for others to rise to such a level of service. We now have a number of people, headed up by Isaac Ferguson, well-trained by Nilus, who have taken on the responsibilities that this one man carried out week after week. Let us thank God that He sent to us this man and his dear family.
- We have an outstanding Parish Council of men and women who love God and each other, and work together with grace and ease. They are headed up by our Starosta Serge Anderson, and our Treasurer Martin Thong. Both men are daily concerned with the upbuilding and care of the Parish, and are always ready to help, assist and offer their expert counsel.
- Our Parish has, probably, the best secretary of any parish. Thank you, Bobbi, for all the tasks that you do for the parish and for me as the secretary with such a steady hand and positive attitude.
- Festal meals were generously donated, prepared and served for those who came to the Feast Day Liturgies. Those who are responsible for the purchasing of food, the cooking, serving and cleaning at the Festal meals, for those who decorate and clean the church before and after those feast days make a significant offering of time, expertise and stamina. We are all grateful for their efforts. Let us not expect to be treated so royally, but let each of us make our own contributions to help.

- Our flower/church decoration ministry adorned the icons each and every weekend and church feasts. Especially significant were the beautiful “surrounds” of the festal icons, and the gorgeous greenery for Palm Sunday, Pascha, Pentecost and Nativity. We are extremely grateful to those who give of their time, money and skill to beautify the Church. The Floral Decoration Team, or whatever name they choose for themselves, has been newly re-organized under the leadership of Denise Pellizzer.
- Our Prospora Ministry met regularly to prepare bread for the Divine Liturgy and Vigils. Matushka Xenia leads a team of dedicated parishioners who understand that they are engaged in a holy work in preparation for the Divine Liturgy.
- We celebrated all of the major feast days of the Church year, those of Great Lent and Pascha, as well as numerous Thanksgiving Services, Travel Blessings, Holy Unctions, Panikhidas, Akathists and Supplicatory Canons. Baptisms and other Holy Mysteries are listed below.
- A few months ago we began to celebrate Resurrectional Matins each Sunday at 8:40 AM. I am grateful to Reader Tom Pellizzer for his initiative in this effort, to those who read and sing with him, and to Nicolas Custer for allowing one of his star tenors to miss rehearsal/warm-ups on Sunday at 9:10 AM. Having the whole cycle of services for the Resurrection (other than the Midnight Service) has been spiritually very nourishing for those who attend. Thanks to all who make this happen.
- I am very pleased with the increased attendance at Saturday evening Great Vespers in which we sing hymns celebrating the victory of the Savior over death and sin. How wonderful it is for us to gather on Saturday evenings. From the earliest days of the Church, Saturday evening was set aside as protected time, sacred time; a time to prepare oneself for the Lord’s Day, the little Pascha of the Sunday Divine Liturgy!
- Our senior and retired parishioners are very grateful to Barbara Owens and those who prepare the meals for the Senior Lunch. This monthly get-together has become very important to our community. We also thank Natasha Collins for her taste and skill in decorating the tables for the lunches.
- Some of our parishioners and clergy participated in the *Walk for Life* last year in San Francisco, and were greatly edified. The Orthodox participation at the SF March (which follows the Washington, DC March, at which many of our Bishops are annually present) has increased each year. The atmosphere of the *Walk for Life* is peaceful, calm and prayerful, without the usual frenetic, overblown and over-hyped political and pseudo-moralistic grandstanding that characterizes protests in our country. The *Walk for Life* isn’t a protest, it is a prayer in action. The participants come from all over the state, and from many different denominations and ethnicities and gather in a spirit of community. I have been disappointed that so few from our parish participate in this event. Orthodox bishops, priests, monks, nuns and faithful are present at the event, prayerfully witnessing for the sanctity of life (from infancy to old age). Let us join them.
- Marc Richardson, Garret Hamner and Michael Dovey have been meeting with me and Fr. Nicholas semi-regularly in order study Orthodox Church services, reading and serving, in preparation for the Holy Diaconate. We must train up those who, God willing, might become Readers, Deacons and Priests, if the Church is to grow and spiritually prosper. This work of mentoring and training up new potential clergy comes under the heading of the Apprenticeship Program, briefly mentioned in the Master Plan Program list.
- During this last year our Church School teachers and clergy met a number of times to work on the curriculum for Church School that would serve us for the long term. We are very grateful to Father

Theodor Svane and Brendan Schettig (both have moved back to Europe), Garret and Sarah Hamner, and John Gilluly and for writing lesson plans each week. I am very grateful to our Church School teachers, especially to Gloria Collins, for her organizational expertise and for her love for God and the children. She keeps all the events going and on schedule, in addition to overseeing the program. When this new curriculum project is done, it will hopefully be worthy of publication.

- Our Choir, led so expertly and wonderfully by Reader Nicholas Custer, is a joy to the entire parish, and indeed, the Diocese and the OCA at large. Rehearsal, dedication, attention to the Choir Master, care for the body, private prayer (attention to the Christ the “Choir Master of our souls”), confession and communion are key ingredients for any singer’s spiritual and vocal health. Our parish is very grateful for all that we receive at each and every Divine Service. Many Years.
- The Children’s Choir continues its work of learning new hymns and singing a number of Divine Liturgies during the year, as well as singing with the adult choir on selected Sundays. This choir is a joy and a jewel for the parish, and we are grateful for the work of Reader Nicolas.
- The well-known choral ensemble *Cantiamo Sonoma*, led by Carol Menke, gave a wonderful concert here in the summer, and two outstanding Christmas concerts here in December. Bob Worth and a small vocal ensemble of *Sonoma Bach* will give a concert here on March 30 of Renaissance Paschal hymns.
- The *St. Seraphim Week for Children* was organized by our teachers and staff in June, and was well attended. We are grateful for the work done during that week by the teachers and assistants. It has had a profoundly positive impact in the parish.
- Looking at last year’s events and accomplishments, I am reminded that Archbishop Benjamin blessed and dedicated to the Parish hall to the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel on July 19, 2017. A large icon of these two Archangels is being painted now.
- The annual October *Honoring the Saints* for children was organized in October by Sarah Hamner and team, and was extremely well-attended. This annual event is one of the jewels of the parish year.
- Annual Children’s Nativity Play: Congratulations to Sophia Basch and Natasha Collins, who directed Carmen Anderson’s play for children. We thank the children for their hard work, and the parents for supporting this event. The Play has become an important element in our preparation for Nativity each year.
- The Sisterhood took the step of rolling its finances into the parish budget/accounts, while actively pursuing their normal and long-standing parish work. Our thanks to Kira and the officers of the Sisterhood for the work of supporting the parish, and for their foresight in reorganizing the structure of the Sisterhood. I am very grateful for Kira’s positive, thoughtful and kind approach. The change in the Sisterhood came about when we looked at how this organization was operating. It was no longer just women who volunteered for the various activities, but husbands and children with their wives. We saw that the parishioners were participating, thanks be to God, in many parish ministries and opportunities for service here and in the surrounding community, and that this was the way our parish life was going. There are still Sisterhood members (everyone?) and activities (memorial meals, care of vestments and icon hangings, decoration, festal meals, mercy meals for the sick, etc.) and projects. Get involved!
- Without the Glendi for the last two years, there has been a desire to organize a fundraiser, not to replace Glendi (that’s not possible) but to offer some sort of enjoyable parish outreach, not simply focused on charity. Emma Anderson organized a wonderfully successful Christmas/Holiday Bazaar.

We were all enthused with her fresh approach to an old favorite, and we congratulate her and her entire team for a very successful endeavor.

- The parish purchased a defibrillator, and a CPR training took place here in November.
- Four new candle-stands, for the Protection Church, were masterfully handcrafted by our former catechumen Mark Riess. The old metal stands were donated to the Church of the Holy Myrrhbearers in West Sacramento after the devastating fire there. Mark also made a gorgeous Chanter Stand with a rotating top. A carved memorial table, hand-crafted in Greece, was also commissioned and now sits before the icon of the Crucifixion in the Protection Church. These items were given in memory of Fr. Michael.
- Some of us have been working for a long time on the design of a Bell Tower for St. Seraphim. Many technical and code issues had to be addressed. At this point, having done our preliminary work, we are looking at what our construction costs might be. Our next step will be to look at raising funds, then planning for construction, step by step. In a month or so we will have a firm cost for constructing the Bell Tower.
- Piroshki was made twice as a fund-raiser, earning about \$2000 each time.
- A number of our parishioners moved out of Santa Rosa during the last year: James and Svetlana Clark; Rebekah, Hanne and baby Anthony Aftim; Lisa Ann Wespiser, Tracey Rolandelli and Will Simonds, Brendan, Eirini and the boys, Anastasia Alphonse, Helen Kinnamon. There were also some folks who decided to attend Church elsewhere. We would be very happy to welcome them back in due time.
- **CHARITABLE WORK:**
 - The Church is God's charity to us. We are called—individually and as a parish—to be like God, Who is always abundant in sending blessings, bestowing His charity on all. Last year charitable work was carried out with enthusiasm and generosity. A number of opportunities exist for participation. Matthew 25 is quite clear that our involvement—each of us personally—is essential in showing love for God and neighbor.
 - We continue to partner with the Redwood Gospel Mission “Angels Unawares” providing dinner and a place to sleep for homeless one night a month during the winter/spring.
 - We continue to partner with the Redwood Empire Food Bank to distribute food on the second Wednesday of each month.
 - We provide monthly support for two rooms at Catholic Charities' Family Shelter on Morgan Street (we send in \$200 per month). One room, dedicated to St. Philaret the Almsgiver, is for families, the other room is for administration.
 - The *Families to Families Thanksgiving Dinner* project provided one hundred dinner boxes to those in need. We thank those who provided funds for the dinners, and those who put the boxes together.
 - A number of our parishioners give their time volunteering at various charitable organizations in the area.
 - Disbursements continued from the Wildfire Relief Fund. A report on that fund in this booklet.

- The Pastor’s Discretionary Charity Funds, provided by the Parish Council, are used for individuals in need, whether they be parishioners or strangers that come to the door.
- **RETREATS, SPIRITUAL TALKS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**
 - Marriage retreat led by Fr. Timothy Pavlatos in January. Excellent attendance and retreat. Recording available on our website.
 - In January 2018 Fr. Ilya Gotlinski of Binghamton, NY gave a very edifying and spiritually challenging lecture on the New Martyrs of Russia. Recording available on our website.
 - Also in January 2018, Fr. Andrew Cuneo gave a Wednesday evening talk on the book *Abolition of Man*, by C.S. Lewis. Garret Hamner gave two talks as follow up.
 - Hieromonk Seraphim (Aldea) from the Monastery of all Saints of the British Isle in Mull, Scotland, gave a number of very moving and spiritually profitable talks and sermons here during Great Lent.
 - The Wednesday evening crowd gathered to watch the movie *Silence* and the next week discussed the film and the Christian faith as it was presented there. The discussion was led by Garret Hamner.
 - Our catechesis program continues with classes taught by our clergy on the eight Saturdays before Nativity and the eight before Lazarus Saturday. A very fine, devote and knowledgable group of parish members rotate in teaching the catechumens when they “depart” from the Divine Liturgy. I am grateful to these dedicated Christians for assisting the Catechumens, who are very, very precious to God and us.
 - Wednesday Evening Talks: I gave a serious of readings and talks on the book *For the Life of the World* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, and the booklet *Of What Life Do We Speak* by Metropolitan Tikhon, which deals with the spiritual life. Fr. Nicholas has starting up a series on Wednesdays on the book the *Letters of St. John Chrysostom to Saint Olympia* (the deaconess). Fr. John will be doing a series on Genesis and creation in February.

As noted above, we celebrated all the major feast days of the Church Festal calendar; but alas, sometimes only a few parishioners celebrated, rather than many or all. Dear brothers and sisters: let’s fully embrace the Feasts, which are a glory and treasure of the Orthodox Faith—in them we are inspired, instructed, enlivened, enlightened, confirmed in faith, and in them we rejoice. Time itself is sanctified. These feasts also provide a way for us to express our love for the Lord, His Most Pure Mother, and His saints. I invite you to carefully consider the calendar of services each month and plan to take part. You will reap many spiritual benefits, and our parish and our families will be strengthened in the faith. Make a resolve to attend Feast Days of the Lord and the Saints.

Youth Activities:

We desire that our children mature into loving, prayerful, involved and strong Orthodox Christian adults. That maturity is learned from watching and emulating adults who are mature in their faith. Faith is learned, absorbed and practiced at Church and at home. The Liturgy is “carried home” where parents and children truly live the Orthodox faith in their daily lives.

It follows therefore, for the most part, that the young adults who attend church and participate in service activities come from families who love God, actively pray together, remember to celebrate the feast days in one way or another, participate in the Holy Mysteries, value the lives of the saints, and whose homes have an icon corner, read the Bible and use the Prayer Book. Piety is ALWAYS available to any parent, and can help mark a holy path for the whole family. Certainly, there isn't a guarantee about faith and children, and eventually kids make up their own minds. However, the following the scriptural injunction to "train up a child in the way he should go," and then pray that "when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

We may hope for more robust programs for youth groups in our church. And certainly, we don't really have anything formal established (that doesn't mean that there are not activities). However, statistics among evangelical Christians reveal that up to 80% of teens who have been involved in highly-active and developed *age-segregated* youth groups, leave their faith communities sometime during high school.

I will briefly mention but two, from the many reasons of this failure:

The Christian faith (prayer, scripture, morals, consistent attendance at Church, love) is lived out at home—meaning, it is taught by the parents. Church School—while essential to parish life—is an aid and a support, not a *substitute*. The parents in our parish talk about and live the faith in Jesus Christ, and their children are taught how to be servants of God.

Secondly, while we do and should break out into age-segregated groups at church and provide activities with proper supervision and support, what historically and culturally has proven to be most successful at making the younger members disciples of Jesus Christ is when all ages "operate" together: in worship together at the Divine Liturgy, family events such as "Honoring the Saints" in October, the Nativity Play in December, "Angels Unawares," BBQs and the Glendi Camp Out in September, etc. A great deal more might be said about this topic, but, we can leave it for a later discussion. For now let us involve all ages in our parish activities so we can mentor them. Faith and desire to serve the Church is passed on to the young in this way. Let's continue to discuss these issues and work together.

Bible Study/Men's Get together:

The Men's Group is organizing itself under the leadership of Fr. Nicholas. We have had one breakfast together, plan to take on various service projects: Parish Work Day here on Feb. 9, for St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Concord (Fr. Peter Fermiglia is there now), at the Monastery in Calistoga and at St. John Monastery in Manton. We hope also to make a pilgrimage on a Sunday to old Holy Virgin Cathedral (ROCOR) in San Francisco. We hope to meet monthly for breakfast and a short spiritual meditation.

Lenten Matins:

During Great Lent we serve 8 AM Matins every Tuesday–Friday (sometimes Presanctified on a Friday will bump the Matins). The Matins lasts about an hour and ten minutes. Come (brave the traffic), attend Matins for ten, twenty, thirty or sixty minutes, or whatever is possible. Start the day focused on the Lord and what it means to repent. Great Lent takes shape and meaning in a very profound and surprising way for those who are able to come to one or two of these services weekly. "Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments," says Psalm 118:164. As a parish, let us begin the day together with the first of the seven praises.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FOR 2019:

- The Master Plan committee (which has not met since last January) makes recommendations to the Parish Council. Our Master Plan team projected possible timelines for projects and programs. Always high on the list is maintenance. Along with those many items we hope to develop a plan for the following. Accomplishments this year:
 - One of the storage bays in the storage building was converted into two class rooms. We thank Anderson Fine Woodworking for taking on this project.
 - Design and budget for lighting fixtures and islands in the parking lots, using parking lot architect
 - Matushka Ann has provided the leadership for creating a landscape plan (over the last three years), with input from many of our folks) to develop and finish the oval lawn (remove crab grass, move gazebo, create paths, a gate, fruit trees, plantings, etc.). Thanks to a generous contribution, we have hired a landscape architect/contractor to help us get the work done. Look for progress in the next few weeks.
 - Bell Tower: design complete, planning next steps.
 - The iconostasis was designed to have some carving on it. This year I hope to have that work completed.
 - Last year I hoped to begin researching where our parish might plant a mission. Petaluma had been high on the list. Napa also appears to be a possibility.
 - The Fresco Program will continue this year. There are many frescos that have been commissioned, and those are listed in the report below.

In addition to the normal responsibilities of a parish priest, I also continue to serve the Church and our local community as asked and as time allows:

- Diocesan Council, which advises Vladyka Benjamin on questions regarding the Diocese. This body meets quarterly in San Francisco.
- Chairman of the Liturgical Music Department of the Diocese of the West.
- Mission Board of the Diocese, which provides support to Mission parishes, and in that capacity attend the Annual Mission Parish Retreat each February.
- Liturgical Music Department of the Orthodox Church in America providing support and settings of hymns which are posted on the OCA website; I assist in organizing choirs, and conducting at the national OCA All-American Councils.
- Confessor for the Sisters of the Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga, and help with supplying priests for their Divine Services.
- Occasional attendance at Catholic Charity events.

*With love in Christ,
Archpriest Lawrence Margitich*

Holy Mysteries in 2018

Baptisms in 2018

(8 in previous year)

- Matthew DeMaar March 31, 2018
- Sarah Stewart March 31, 2018
- Hannah Nelle Prudhomme March 31, 2018
- Jordan David Morgan March 31, 2018
- Maiah Martha Lucas March 31, 2018
- Jeanie Gay Carl May 27, 2018
- Luke Joseph Rademacher June 3, 2018
- Jacob Seraphim Dovey July 8, 2018

Marriages in 2018

(5 in 2017)

- Alexander Stameroff/Hannah Prudhomme April 29, 2018
- Jordan Morgan/Lydia Margitich May 6, 2018

Funerals in 2018

- Joseph Gumper March 9, 2018
- Helen Obolensky August 10, 2018
- Nikolai Zache July 3, 2018
- Zoya Drake (no funeral served) August 21, 2018
- Daria Sawaya (Jorgenson) October 10, 2018

Catechumens as of January 1, 2019:

Harriette Acorne, Karla Van Meter, Aaron and Alejandra Wilkerson and their children Aaron, Xavier, Paloma, Celeste and Belen; James Clawson, David Fitzpatrick

YTD Income and Expenses				
January through December 2018				
				Jan - Dec 18
			Income/Expense	
			Income	
			Building Fund Income	
			Donations to Blding Fund	0.00
			Glendi-Sisterhood	4,000.00
			Interest on Checking account	10.43
			Refund	29.85
			Total Building Fund Income	4,040.28
Building Fund donations appear in the Balance Sheet				
			Candles Income	15,314.50
			Charity Rec'd	29,345.45
			Designated Offerings Income	250.00
			Duplex Rental	26,245.00
			Hall Rental	1,700.00
			Icon Fund Income	
			NN05 Mary Magd B4 XC NN05	900.00
			Total Fresco-Nave North Clerestory	900.00
			Icon Fund Income—other	260.00
Icon donations appear in the Balance Sheet				
			Total Icon Fund Income	1,160.00
			Misc. Received	189.84
			Missions & Evangelism	0.00
			Pass-Thru Income	80.00
			Plate Offerings/Anon (cash)	19,186.00
			Prospora	4,525.00
			Seminary Assistance	0.00
			Special Appeals Income	
			Christmas appeal income	8,395.00
			Pascha appeal income	19,107.77
			Special Appeals Income - Other	0.00
			Total Special Appeals Income	27,502.77
			Sunday Lunch/Other meals	17,896.00
			Tithes and Offerings	252,017.20
			Total Income	399,452.04
			Gross Total	399,452.04

Expense		
	Altar Needs	6,481.19
	Bank Expenses	773.59
	Bells	900.00
	Building Fund Expenses	
	Architectural Services	1,381.16
	Bank Loan - New	0.00
	Parishoner Loan	0.00
	Repairs & Improvements	0.00
	West American Bank	
	Interest	175.13
	Total West American Bank	175.13
	Building Fund Expenses - Other	156.39
	Total Building Fund Expenses	1,712.68
	Candle Expenses	12,451.99
	Charity Expense	46,416.24
	Choir Director	23,965.97
	Designated Gifts Expense	150.00
	Diocese of the West	
	Diocesan Proportional Giving	44,078.91
	Stewards of the West	500.00
	Diocese of the West - Other	44.85
	Total Diocese of the West	44,623.76
	Education	
	Adult Classes	15.00
	Church School	989.77
	Pamphlets	276.74
	Retreat Expenses	1,433.91
	Education - Other	435.95
	Total Education	3,151.37
	Garbage	5,827.88
	Government Costs	
	County Taxes	6,113.94
	Permits	1,367.00
	Government Costs - Other	0.00
	Total Government Costs	7,480.94
	Insurance	
	Property	6,260.00

				Worker's Compensation	2,708.29
				Total Insurance	8,968.29
				Interest Expense (Loans)	12,073.31
				Internship Expenses	
				Intern Stipend	4,000.00
				Internship Expenses - Other	608.00
				Total Internship Expenses	4,608.00
				Miscellaneous Expense	7,138.98
				Mission and Evangelism	0.00
				Office expenses	
				Copy Machine	774.67
				General Supplies	2,043.58
				Parish on-line software	1,893.63
				Parish Website	300.00
				Postage	509.68
				Printing and Copying	275.95
				Office expenses - Other	0.00
				Total Office expenses	5,797.51
				Parish Hall Manager	550.00
				Pass Thru "Expense"	80.00
				PG&E	10,123.27
				Phones	
				Cell	900.00
				Office	587.83
				Phones - Other	130.69
				Total Phones	1,618.52
				Priest	
				Car Allowance	3,600.00
				Compensation	59,179.20
				Medica/Life Insurance	4,022.40
				Retirement Payment	14,030.00
				Priest - Other	0.00
				Total Priest	80,831.60
				Priest-Fr. John Schettig	15,600.00
				Priest - Fr. Nicholas Carr	15,000.00

				Property Maintenance	
				Facilities maint and repairs	21,853.62
				Grounds Keeping Services	6,890.00
				Petty Cash Expenses	1,800.00
				Purchases	2,372.96
				Property Maintenance - Other	0.00
				Total Property Maintenance	32,916.58
				Prospora Expense	74.72
				Secretary	14,400.00
				Special Appeals Expense	
				Christmas Appeal Expense	346.25
				Paschal Appeal Expense	366.36
				Total Special Appeals Expense	712.61
				Stewardship Materials	143.00
				Substitute Priest	300.00
				Sunday Lunch Expense	
				Hall Cleaning	15,562.83
				Kitchen Supplies/Food	3,964.95
				Sunday Lunch Expense - Other	1,833.10
				Total Sunday Lunch Expense	21,360.88
				Travel Expenses	
				All American Council Expenses	1,178.55
				Travel Expenses - Other	237.40
				Total Travel Expenses	1,415.95
				Total Expense	387,648.83
				Net Income	11,803.21
				Net Income	11,803.21

Balance Sheet		01/13/2019
As of December 31, 2018		Cash Basis
		Dec 31, 18
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
	Chase 5525 - Building Fund	1,510.81
	Chase 7888 - Building Fund	10,006.48
	Choir Bank Account	666.17
	Main Checking- WestAmerica Bank	38,268.59
	Rental Account	2,119.27
	WestAmerica Special Projects	137,346.88
	Total Checking/Savings	189,918.20
	Total Current Assets	189,918.20
Fixed Assets		
	Buildings & Property	2,700,000.00
	Duplex	-2,113.00
	Total Fixed Assets	2,697,887.00
TOTAL ASSETS		2,887,805.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Long Term Liabilities		
	Chase Loan	173,620.03
	Parishoner #2	35,604.54
	Total Long Term Liabilities	209,224.57
	Total Liabilities	209,224.57
Equity		
	Fund Balance Building Fund	49,505.60
	Fund Balance Designated	51,401.76
	Fund Balance Icons	82,914.58
	Fund Balance School and Youth	121.00
	Fund Balance Sisterhood	14,285.50
	Fund Balance Wildfire Relief	2,631.00
	Fund Legacy	-548,402.35
	30000 · Opening Bal Equity	2,711,778.77
	32000 · Retained Earnings	302,541.56
	Net Income	11,803.21
	Total Equity	2,678,580.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		2,887,805.20

Profit & Loss by Class							01/13/2019	
January through December 2018							Cash Basis	
			Building Fund (Not Assessed)	Choir (Not Assessed)	General Fund (Assessed)	Icon Fund (Not Assessed)	Rental Account (Not Assessed)	TOTAL
Income/Expense								
Income								
		Building Fund Income	4,010.43	0.00	29.85	0.00	0.00	4,040.28
		Candles Income	0.00	0.00	15,314.50	0.00	0.00	15,314.50
		Charity Rec'd	0.00	0.00	29,345.45	0.00	0.00	29,345.45
		Designated Offerings Inco	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
		Duplex Rental	0.00	0.00	910.00	0.00	25,335.00	26,245.00
		Hall Rental	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
		Icon Fund Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,160.00	0.00	1,160.00
		Misc. Received	0.00	0.00	189.84	0.00	0.00	189.84
		Pass-Thru Income	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
		Plate Offerings/Anon (cas	0.00	0.00	19,186.00	0.00	0.00	19,186.00
		Prosphora	0.00	0.00	4,525.00	0.00	0.00	4,525.00
		Special Appeals Income	0.00	0.00	27,502.77	0.00	0.00	27,502.77
		Sunday Lunch/Other mea	0.00	0.00	17,896.00	0.00	0.00	17,896.00
		Tithes and Offerings	0.00	0.00	252,017.20	0.00	0.00	252,017.20
		Total Income	4,010.43	0.00	368,946.61	1,160.00	25,335.00	399,452.04
		Gross Total	4,010.43	0.00	368,946.61	1,160.00	25,335.00	399,452.04
Expense								
		Altar Needs	0.00	0.00	6,481.19	0.00	0.00	6,481.19
		Bank Expenses	0.00	0.00	773.59	0.00	0.00	773.59
		Bells	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
		Building Fund Expenses	330.42	0.00	1,382.26	0.00	0.00	1,712.68
		Candle Expenses	0.00	0.00	12,451.99	0.00	0.00	12,451.99
		Charity Expense	0.00	0.00	46,416.24	0.00	0.00	46,416.24
		Choir Director	0.00	0.00	23,965.97	0.00	0.00	23,965.97
		Designated Gifts Expense	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
		Diocese of the West	0.00	0.00	44,623.76	0.00	0.00	44,623.76
		Education	0.00	0.00	3,151.37	0.00	0.00	3,151.37
		Garbage	0.00	0.00	5,827.88	0.00	0.00	5,827.88
		Government Costs	0.00	0.00	3,246.45	0.00	4,234.49	7,480.94
		Insurance	0.00	0.00	8,968.29	0.00	0.00	8,968.29
		Interest Expense (Loans)	12,073.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,073.31
		Internship Expenses	0.00	0.00	4,608.00	0.00	0.00	4,608.00

Wildfire Relief Fund 2019 Statement

Protection of the Holy Virgin Parish/Saint Seraphim Cathedral

Balance forward on 1/1/2018:	\$23,197.00
Donations Received:	
Donation from one individual	\$50.00
Donations from three groups	\$2,384.00
Total Donations Received in 2018:	\$2,434.00
Expenditures:	
Donations to 10 individuals (2017 fires)	\$16,500.00
Donation to 1 individual (2018 Camp Fire)	\$1,500.00
Donations to Chico parish (2018 Camp Fire)	\$5,000.00
Total Expenditures in 2018:	\$22,750.00
Balance forward as of 12/31/2018:	\$2,631.00

Last year we received four donations to this fund, and continued to respond to requests for help from victims of the October 2017 Sonoma County fires. Five of the ten individuals we helped were sent checks in January. The remaining five were sent checks between May and September. The balance in this fund at the end of September was \$9,131.00. In November, when the Camp Fire destroyed the city of Paradise, CA, members of *Sts Cyril and Methodius Mission* in Chico were among the Camp Fire victims. The Parish Council voted to use a significant portion of our remaining Wild Fire Relief Fund to help victims of that devastating fire. We made one donation to an individual and then sent a larger donation to the mission parish to aid their members.

In July there was a devastating fire which destroyed sanctuary of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women Parish in West Sacramento. There was discussion at that time about sending aid to that parish from this fund. After discussion, it was decided to send a \$5,000 donation to the West Sacramento parish from our regular charity funds, rather than from this fund.

Icon Fund - Equity Account

	Icon Fund Balance as of 12/31/2017:	\$ 82,599.58
2018 Icon Fund Income:		
Sts Paisius and Porphyrios	\$ 540.00	
North Nave Clerestory	\$ 1,100.00	
St Anna the Mother of the Theotokos	\$ 700.00	
Way of the Cross	\$ 10,000.00	
Prayer in Gethsemane	\$ 3,000.00	
Noah's Ark	\$ 1,060.00	
Mary Magdalene before Christ	\$ 900.00	
Pendentive - Saint Matthew	\$ 1,000.00	
Unspecified*	\$ 200.00	
Sts Cyril and Methodius	\$ 2,000.00	
St Alban of Britan	\$ 300.00	
Unspecified*	\$ 4,215.00	
2018 Icon Fund Donation		\$ 25,015.00
* Includes an additional disbursement from Christ the Savior Brotherhood of \$4,125		
2018 Icon Fund Expenses:		
Mary Magdalene before Christ (fresco)	\$ 4,000.00	
Forty Martyrs of Sebaste (fresco)	\$ 20,000.00	
St Genevieve of Paris (panel)	\$ 700.00	
2018 Icon Fund Expenses		\$ 24,700.00
Icon Fund Balance as of 12/31/2018		\$ 82,914.58

AUDITORS' REPORT

Audit Conducted: 1/19/19
Auditor: Chuck Russell

Financial Statements reviewed from 1/1/18 – 12/31/18

The following observations were made:

1. All expenses in excess of \$3,000 were approved by the Board of Directors before the expenses were committed and payments were made.
2. All expenses in excess of \$3,000 that were not related to payroll, loan payments, insurance payments or iconographic commissions were justified by estimates approved by the Parish Council and verified by invoices paid.
3. All expenses for payroll, loan payments, insurance and iconographic commissions were verified by invoice.
4. There were no capital purchases. No capital assets were retired during this fiscal year.

In review of the Financial Statements I would like to make the following statements:

1. In reviewing the cash/check amounts mentioned in the last audit I found \$350.00 paid out monthly accounted for. This represents a fraction of 1% of all disbursements.
2. In reviewing the accounts this year there was a visible improvement in clarity and future planning for audits going forward.

Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church
2019 Proposed Budget – Operating Income and Expense

	Income				
		Candles Income			15,500
		Duplex Rental			25,000
		Hall Rental			2,000
		Plate Offerings/Anon (cash)			20,000
		Prospora			4,000
		Sunday Lunch/Other meals			17,000
		Tithes and Offerings			277,200
	Total Income				\$360,700.00
	Expense				
		Altar Needs			5,000
		Bank Expenses			200
		Candle Expenses			15,500
		Choir Director			24,000
		Diocese of the West			
		Diocesan Proportional Giving			41,000
		Education			3,000
		Garbage			5,800
		Government Costs			5,000
		Honoraria			3,500
		Insurance			9,000
		Interest Expense (Loans)			8,500
		Internship Expenses			24,000
		Office expenses			6,000
		Parish Hall Manager			550
		PG&E			9,000
		Phones			1,400
		Priest			84,000
		<i>2019 COMPENSATION</i>			
		Salary: \$67,570 with Medical/Dental insurance included in Salary; Life Insurance: \$400; Car/Phone Allowance \$4,500; Retirement \$6,360; Extra into retirement \$4,810			
		Priest - Fr. John Schettig			15,600
		Priest - Fr. Nicholas Carr			30,000

		Property Maintenance			31,000
		Prosphora Expense			100
		Secretary			14,400
		Stewardship Materials			150
		Sunday Lunch Expense			19,000
		Travel Expenses			5,000
		Total Expense			\$360,700.00

ESCRIP REPORT for 2019

Balance on December 31, 2018:\$ 2,960.12

Balance on December 31, 2017:\$ 2,603.43

Earnings in 2017:\$ 356.69

We can earn even more, sign up at escrip.com

Our church ID number is 139984808, Protection of the Holy Virgin Parish.

Oliver's Market is a big contributor. Stop by their information desk to sign-up and/or ensure your card is still activated.

If you shop Amazon, (sign-up under smile.amazon.com), a percentage of what you purchase goes directly to the church bank account, it costs you nothing!

During 2018 Amazon Smile earned us **\$155.74**. Loads of people use Amazon all the time. Let's get signed up with smile.amazon.com in order to increase that amount for 2019.

Please consider this effortless way to raise funds for our church. I am happy to answer any questions you may have, please contact me at 707-321-7417.

Thank you!
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SAINT SERAPHIM BOOKSTORE

Annual Report to the 2019 Annual Meeting

Submitted by: Bonnie Alexander

Mission Statement: To serve the Parish of the Protection of the Holy Virgin and St. Seraphim Cathedral, by offering Orthodox reading material and gifts for sale and donating all profits to charity.

Managers: Lew Baer (Marketing and Ordering) and Bonnie Alexander (Scheduling and Finances)

Retail Staff: Gretchen McPherson, Dana Ames, Lahana Singer, Spencer Longmann and Bonnie Alexander.

Finances:	Opening Balance:	\$4,646.01
	Closing Balance:	\$4,161.39

2016 Gross Sales: \$4,021.11

2017 Gross Sales: \$4,159.16

2018 Gross Sales: \$3,485.43

2017 Year-End Donations: \$750 to St. Barbara Monastery in Santa Paula, CA that was impacted by the Thomas Fire in December 2017; \$750 to Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa.

2018 Year-End Donations: Our total donation will be \$1,000. Designated charities are to be determined; one local and one broader.

Our gross sales this year were significantly less than previous years. Forty percent of annual sales occurred in November and December with the remaining 60% spread over the remaining ten months. We continue to stock conservatively in selection and number of copies ordered. We are happy to make special orders if you need something we don't have in stock and can wait a couple of weeks.

We always welcome any suggestions from parishioners. If you have something you would like to see in YOUR Bookstore, please let any staff member know. We are here to serve our parishioners!

Staffing: We are going to miss Lahana Singer's presence on the Bookstore staff. Dana Ames, Gretchen McPherson and Spencer Rhodes have served faithfully throughout the year and we thank them profusely. Lew and Bonnie continue to share the managerial responsibilities. Lew oversees the ordering, marketing and physical aspects of the bookstore while Bonnie takes care of the finances and scheduling.

We are currently looking for one or two more people to share the joy of working in the Bookstore. If you are interested, please contact Bonnie or Lew.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of St. Seraphim Bookstore!

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT FOR 2019

“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)

We have been in our third year of the new curriculum being written by Garret and Sarah Hamner, Brendan Schettig and John Gilluly. This curriculum has been effective in teaching our children (and teachers) the foundation of our Orthodox Faith. Year one dealt with *Scripture*, year two on what we called *practical theology*, which is what it sounds like, and year three on *aesthetics*, which deals with seeing the beautiful and good in creation, in the Church and in others. The teachers and children have been very blessed by the work of our curriculum writers, who have put many hours into this endeavor. We thank them for all the work and love they have invested into this curriculum for the good of our parish children. St. Seraphim has also been blessed with so many children. It is very exciting to not only see our parish grow but watch our children grow in their spiritual lives.

—Gloria Collins, Church School Director and Fr. Lawrence

Littles:	Adrial Scarbourogh
Pre/K:	Niki Myles and Shannon Winterton
1st—3rd:	Vicky Basch, Maiah Martha Lucas and Rebekah Aftim
4th—6th:	John Gullily and Aaron Brodeur
7th—9th:	Herman Vasquez and Sarah Hamner
High School:	Garret Hamner and Gretchen McPherson
Subs:	Serge Anderson, Lara Anderson, Joe Anderson, Anastasia Brodeur

Curriculum Overview:

The goal of the curriculum is to gradually introduce and revisit topics throughout the developmental stages of a young person’s attendance at the parish school. Topics are chosen for their capacity to impart an authentic sense of the Church and her ethos, and to supplement both the Divine Services and general pastoral instructions. Each year the perspective of the topic shifts: from Holy Scripture to historical and daily applications of the faith, to nuances of the faith in arts and aesthetics, and back to Holy Scripture. Though class time is limited to a mere twenty minutes on a Sunday afternoon, given steady attendance over the course of multiple cycles of the curriculum, we can give our children a rounded exposure to the elements of the Church’s teaching. —*Brendan Schettig, 2017*

Reports From Each Class

LITTLES

- Teachers: Adriel Scarborough

We have a little story time for children three and under during Church School. We tend to get 3-6 children a week, and we sing 1-3 songs and read a few storybooks about Saints, the Church year, and Christian Values. We mostly meet outside on a blanket, on occasion we have met inside the hall to escape from the cold or the rain. The kids and I all look forward to it!

PRESCHOOL–KINDERGARTEN

- Teachers: Niki Myles

I teach the four–six year olds that are in either TK or Kindergarten this school year. I have 6-8 kids normally from families who attend very regularly. This has been wonderful, as I feel that they are retaining a lot this year. The class is going well. I ask them basic questions at the beginning about what we have been talking about and I am finding that they are all very thoughtful and attentive.

I try to give an overview of what we have been learning this year in each lesson, and then tie in the particular topic we are covering on that day. This is a basic summary of what my class is learning:

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECOGNIZING BEAUTY: Beauty, purity, and goodness are real and not simply a matter of personal interpretation. Things as God intended are good and beautiful. Upon corruption they become bad, ugly, or somewhere in between. Not only things, but also people can be beautiful, beastly, and somewhere in between.

BEAUTY AS IT RELATES TO US: When we sin we grow more beastly. Sin happens when things are used in the wrong way. When human beings behave in a way counter to their nature, they sin. If they sin continuously they grow more beastly. If they use what God has given them, their life and their belongings to love others, to love God with prayer and offerings, to practice obedience along with using brains and careful attention to what is right and wrong, they are growing more saintly.

PRACTICAL EXAMPLES: We honor the saints and their beautiful lives. Bliss comes from living the Beatitudes and they knew that. They felt it in their hearts, and you will feel this too because Christ puts this within each person when he makes us. If you set out to do the things Christ says: Pray, make peace, put others first...you will know in your heart that you have done right

Of course each week is a new focus, but the above concepts are the things I tie in regularly. Unity was last week's and it was fun, because I try to operate the class in a way that enforces the idea of community. I like to bring them healthy snacks, tea or hot chocolate each week, so they know that I've thinking about them and that our class is a time to discuss, listen, and enjoy each other's company. I make it a point that they know each other's names, that they are polite when passing colored pencils. I make sure they know that I look forward to seeing them each week. I really think they respect this. They have all been very well behaved.

GRADES: 1–3

- Teachers: Vicky Basch and Rebekah Aftim

We usually have between 6-10 eager students every Sunday. Our students have learned to pray the “Trisagion” and “It is Truly Meet” prayers as well as various feast day prayers. We have been learning about the beauty of our faith and church. Emphasis is on how we bring that beauty in to our everyday lives therefore enabling us to share the beauty of our faith with everyone we meet. Our students are very enthusiastic about Church School and their faith. They have much to share about God’s beauty in our lives and are often very good teachers for their teachers. It is evident that there is much love of God and faith within the families and homes of our parish children.

We absolutely LOVE our new church school classrooms. We are so grateful to all in the parish who contributed in many ways to make this happen for our youth. Thank you!!

GRADES: 4–6

- Teachers: John Gilluly and Aaron Brodeur
- Location: Library
- Attendance: About 11

Things seem to work best when we stick to a story about someone or something, e.g, St. Seraphim, Our Lady of Guadalupe, etc. When we stray from that, not as much. It is hard to present theological concepts to kids. I guess our children are not at that stage yet. Rather than asking them to reflect on something church-wise, I think the children prefer to reflect on who did what—and when did they do it—and why they did it.

It appears our kids enjoy being a community together—eager to see each other, as I am eager to see them. I really like the 2 minutes we spend on doing the Jesus prayer at the beginning of class—one child does 5 repetitions, then another does the same. It is a quiet, reflective time where they participate in the life of the ancients. We ask for complete silence while we do this, and stop the recital if anyone is distracted. We have a lot of “fidget” instruments (beeswax modeling strips, snake twists, journals and pens) available. After a 90 minute church service, I think these help ferret out the accumulated energy and give the kids an outlet. It is sometimes easy to make assumptions—to maybe label nervous energy as distractedness or inattention, and vice versa—so that is why I introduced these outlets.

I have been encouraging the children to stand right up front during Divine services so they can get the full experience of church, rather than standing behind a forest of adult legs (where you might hear - if you were so inclined - but could not see). 21st century children are visual learners if nothing else (yes, times have changed), and in terms of the church, “seeing is believing.”

I asked Father if each child could have a free candle from the candle desk to offer up a prayer and to light upon venerating. He said Yes, but I have not taken it any further than that. It has being a learning experience for me. —*John Gilluly*

In the 3rd thru 6th grade class we have an average of 10 children. The classes are going well. John and I work together pretty seamlessly. The children enjoy hearing the stories we share with them and the activities for them to do. And we stick with the lessons each week laid out by Sarah and Garret, and the kids seem to be asking lots of questions and are involved. We have a wonderful group. They all love to color and draw as they listen. I don’t have any concerns at this point. I’d like to have a report from the children, then we would know what we are doing right or wrong. :) —*Aaron Brodeur*

GRADES: 7–9

- Teachers: Herman Vasquez and Sarah Hamner
- Location: Upstairs above Church.

I enjoy a great deal working with Sarah with our 4 students, Gary John, Larisa, Natasha, and Mary. We studied about the very first Icon—*Not Made by Hands* (in wisdom has Thou made them all). Also about the Clergy Vestments, names, colors and meanings. Talked about Sunday sermons.
—*Herman Vasquez*

The middle school class is made up of 3-4 students. It's a quiet but focused group. This cycle of the curriculum addresses church aesthetics or the role and function of beauty in the Orthodox Church and life of faith. There are many practical applications, such as lessons on being others-centered, unity in baptism, practices for preparing for liturgy/communion and practices after communion, deacon and priest vestments, the beauty of the church and the beauty of creation. In examining church aesthetics, we also discuss, by comparison, the distraction and false allure of worldly beauty. —*Sarah Hamner*

HIGH SCHOOL

- Teacher: Garret Hamner and Gretchen McPherson
- Location: Father Lawrence's office
- Attendance: On average we have 3–5 students

The high school Sunday school has been working their way through *The Great Divorce* by C. S. Lewis. The book, which is fiction, explores themes of the vices that keep us from repentance. We spend most of the class discussing these themes and then working to find a practical expression during the week. The class ranges from two to three students on average. This text should take us through Pascha. There is a bit of an age gap presently, but the students all participate in the conversations and seem to be engaged. The book is pretty deep, so they should be commended on the effort. —*Garret*

I help Garret with the high school. Reading through *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis this year. Garret is a gifted teacher, the way he finds the perfect discussion questions to relate the text to the Orthodox Christian life. Our students all engage in the discussions. —*Gretchen*

Master Planning Report

Introduction

The Parish Council established the Master Planning Committee to look ahead at our grounds, buildings and church programs so we can collectively plan and executive key activities for the year and forecast key activities for the next 2-10 years. Upon reviewing priorities, resources, and available talent we develop plans and make studies which we present to the Parish Council in the form of proposals.

This year (2019) was another busy and successful year for our committee as we completed a number of key projects and initiatives informed by our set of priorities that had been revised at the end of 2017.

Unfortunately our chairman, Sean Esbjorn-Hargens, has moved from Sonoma County for a year or two. That being the case, there were no Master Planning meetings during 2018. Nevertheless, we have specified sufficient goals and projects to keep us going for some years.

Master Plan Accomplishments 2018

<u>GROUND & BUILDINGS HIGHLIGHTS</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Maintenance Plan Updates & Review	ON GOING
Acquired generator for back up for wells	DONE
Created a Landscape Design for oval lawn	DONE
Funded and will begin work on oval lawn	DONE
Repainted and sealed St Seraphim, outside retaining walls	DONE, was a year 5 project
Items at the Protection Church	
Waterproofing	DONE
Repair Bell Tower (extensive work)	DONE
Two classrooms made in the Storage Barn	DONE
Added on in March 2018: Convert class rooms into Intern Apartment —	DONE

<u>PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Information on preparing for funerals	IN PROGRESS
Internship program	IN PROGRESS
Apprenticeship program – Readers/Deacons	IN PROGRESS
Men’s Group (Field trips to holy places)	No activities during 2018
Training day for school teachers	DONE
Address needs of parish singles	We need a coordinator

Interact with other parishes – social events
Yearly Youth trip to monastery
Annual music concerts
Established Seminary FUND
Website upgrade

No activities during 2018
No activities during 2018
ON GOING
DONE
NEED WEBMASTER

Grounds & Buildings

SCHEDULED FOR BUT NOT COMPLETED IN 2018

- Design LED lighting plan, parking islands for parking lots
- Improve storage in kitchen pantry (Hall)
- Overhead electrical and internet wires placed in underground conduits
- Renovate Sacristy at Protection Church
- Install “on demand” hot water at Protection
- Paint gas heater in Protection
- Paint white strips on front steps on front of Protection

FOR 2020

Saint Seraphim Cathedral Maintenance/Upgrade

- Replace window frames
- Finish landscape on south side
- Install a large cross with base at east end of Baptismal Font
- Construct Bell Tower (includes fixing stairway, expanding closet) FUNDING IN PROGRESS

Protection Church maintenance

- Install new Iconostasis

Parish Hall

- Pavers or concrete under big BBQ, next to Hall

Parking Lot

- Surface and stripe north parking lot

FOR 2023

Saint Seraphim Cathedral Maintenance/Upgrade

- Complete floor [when frescos are completed]
- Reseal water-proofing/stucco outside

Parish Hall

- Resurface ceiling

FOR 2028

- Replace Pergola

Programs

2018 PROGRAMS NOT COMPLETED OR BEGUN

- Social events with other parishes (e.g., St Seraphim week, Sunday BBQ, Youth camping trip/other parishes. We need someone to organize and head up the ministry)
- Men's group activities
- Summer Church camp promotion / establish scholarships
- Yearly youth trip to a monastery
- Yearly Retreat (e.g., Fri – Sat @ a place like Calistoga, National, or Monterey)
- Get job description for and establish a webmaster

PROGRAMS FOR 2019

- Start pre-school?
- Plan a pilgrimage to Mt Athos
- Develop a plan for developing a mission
- Create youth program and director position

ICONOGRAPHY REPORT

The **Fresco Plan** and **Price List** are available at any time for your perusal.

A. PANELS COMMISSIONED AND/OR PAINTED DURING 2018

1. St. Genevieve — done
2. Large icon of the Holy Archangels for the parish hall — in progress

B. FRESCOES COMMISSIONED AND PAINTED DURING 2018

1. Forty Martyrs of Sebaste
2. St. Mary Magdalene meeting Christ
3. Completion of Women at the Tomb of Christ

C. TO BE PAINTED DURING 2019

1. Arches in nave
 - a. Wedding at Cana—*Commissioned*
 - b. Samaritan Woman at the Well—*Commissioned*
 - c. Healing of the Paralytic—*Commissioned*
 - d. Feeding of the 5000—*Commissioned*
 - f. Christ at the home of Mary and Martha
 - e. Blind Man at the Pool of Siloam
2. Pendentives: to be painted in 2020 (Sts. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John).

D. COMMISSIONED SAINT & FEAST DAY FRESCOS Painting Date TBD

1. St. Ignatius Brianchaninov
2. St. James the Brother of the Lord
3. Christ appearing to the two Marys (west wall, peak)
4. Prayer in Gethsemane
5. St. Matrona of Moscow
6. St. Lucia of Syracuse (partial funds given)
7. St. Marina
8. St. Joanna the Myrrhbearer
9. St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos
10. St. Nona
11. St. Tatiana
12. St. Moses the Black
13. St. Gerasimos of the Jordan
14. Prophet Daniel in the Lion's Den
15. St. Spyridon of Trymithus
16. St. Panteliemon
17. Sts. Zachariah and Elizabeth, parents of St John the Baptist
18. St. Anastasia the Deliverer from poison

- 19. Isaac the Syrian
- 20. St. Luke, *pendentive arch*
- 21. St Dionysios (in Altar - funds coming)
- 22. St Alban, Enlightener of Britain (partial funds)
- 23. St. Paisius of Mount Athos
- 24. St. Porphyrios of Mount Athos and Athens
- 25. St. Xenia of Petersburg
- 26. Noah’s Ark (narthex, partially commissioned)

E. FRESCOS NOT YET COMMISSIONED

A sketched out plan of the entire church is available to see where these icons will be placed.

- 1. Three pendentives (St Luke already commissioned)
 - St. Matthew, St. John, St. Mark, cost each:*\$15,000
- 2. Four Decorative border on the arches, each:\$6,000
- 3. Sacrifice of Isaac, in the Altar:\$12,000
- 4. Prophet Moses & Burning Bush.....\$8,000
- 5. Prophet Moses/Burning Bush/Ten Commandments:\$8,000
- 6. Raising of Lazarus:\$18,000
- 7. Way of the Cross:\$10,000
- 8. The Entombment:\$10,000
- 9. Betrayal of Christ:\$3,000
- 10. Mocking of Christ:\$3,000
- 11. Denial of St Peter:\$3,000
- 12. Christ before Pilate:\$3,000
- 13. Sts. Peter and John at the empty tomb:\$6,000
- 14. St. David of Thessalonika:\$4,000
- 15. Christ calming the storm/healing demoniac:\$6,000
- 16. Christ at home of Martha and Mary:\$6,000
- 17. Christ appearing to St. Thomas the Apostle:\$18,000
- 18. Healing of the Ten Lepers:\$6,000
- 19. Dinner at Emmaus with Luke and Cleopa:\$12,000
- 20. On Lake of Tiberius:.....\$12,000
- 21. Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple:.....\$12,000
- 22. Icon “Not made by hands”:\$5,000
- 23. Three Youths in the Furnace:\$6,000
- 24. Crossing the Red Sea (narthex):\$15,000
- 25. Jonah and the Whale (narthex):\$15,000
- 26. Raising of Jairus’ Daughter (narthex):\$6,000
- 27. Raising of the Widow’s Son (narthex):\$6,000
- 28. Places for **Five Female** saints (bust) available, each:\$1,500

ELECTIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL

General Information

Requirements: With the blessing of the Archbishop all nominations have been submitted no later than one week prior to the Annual Meeting. This allows the nominees to prayerfully consider if they are able or qualified to serve, and to avoid any embarrassment to those who may be nominated yet may not be formal Parish Members. 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, attending the Parish for at least three months
- 2) Live 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
- 3) Make a financial commitment to practice proportional giving, and be willing to care for the good order of the church grounds, finances and community in practical ways
- 4) The Parish Council meets at least once a month. If you cannot attend meetings, do not accept nomination. If a member misses two consecutive meetings, he or she may be asked to step down, depending on circumstances

Duties (note the similarity to the list above):

- 1) Attend all Parish Council Meetings & various Council events (help at work parties, retreats, etc.)
- 2) Strive to participate in worship, attending Vespers on Saturday at least once a month and Divine Liturgy every Sunday
- 3) Participate in the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion on a regular basis here at this parish
- 4) Practice proportional financial giving (stewardship)
- 5) Live according to the Gospel and the teachings of the Orthodox Church

His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin has indicated that all newly-elected parish council members are required to read the following documents prior to their first council meeting and compliance be annotated in that meeting's minutes:

OCA Statute, DOW By-Laws, Policies, Standards and Procedures of the OCA on Sexual Misconduct, OCA's Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse Guidelines, DOW's Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse.

The documents will be provided to the members.

Current auditor: January 2019
Charles Russell

Members whose terms expire (or will step down) at this meeting:

George Barsi (newly reposed), Debbie Buse, Theodore Dechant, Freddie Myles, Tom Pellizzer, Bonnie Alexander and Hanne Aftim—*Alternate*

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

Serge Anderson, Adriel Magdalene Scarborough, Alex Stameroff, Gary Peter Collins (was an alternate, now serving out Bonnie's term)

Treasurer:

The 2015 Annual Meeting adopted and ratified the proposal that the position of Parish Treasurer be filled by a qualified person, appointed by the rector in consultation with the Council, and serve *ex officio*, with full voting rights (as per the Bylaws, Sec. 6.06). Every two years the position of Treasurer is to be ratified by vote at the Annual meeting, and blessed by the Diocesan Hierarch. This motion allows the Council to be comprised of nine full members, plus the Treasurer. This year we will ratify Martin Thong to continue as Parish Treasurer.

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH ELECTIONS

The Parish Council is comprised of NINE members. This year we need to elect FIVE

Please vote for FIVE of the names listed below. Nominations have been submitted no later than one week prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations will not be taken at the meeting.

- 1) Vladimir Baer
- 2) Debbie Buse
- 3) Theodore Dechant
- 4) Joseph Marino
- 5) Freddie Andrew Myles
- 6) Kathleen Rhodes
- 7) Daphne Russell
- 8) Karen Werder

The FIVE who receive the highest number of votes are elected to the Parish Council for a two year term. The next TWO in the vote count will be the Alternates and will serve for one year, or if needed, will serve out the remaining time of a members term. Alternates are expected to attend all meetings, and should consider themselves as full Council Members.

Ending Hymns

IT IS TRULY MEET
sing to “*Joy of the Heavenly Powers*”

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.