

- LOVE IS IN THE AIR

We of St. Seraphim have been blessed with an outpouring of love from above. It has permeated our hearts and all that we do. On Tuesday, February 14th, our expressions of love will be heard and felt by those close to us and by our fellow parishioners at a **Valentine's Day Dinner and Floor Show** in the Parish Hall. This will be a revival of the "talent" shows and the music and poetry evenings of the now distant pre-C-19 past. The date is firm for 6:00 PM, so ink it in; the details have still to be finalized. Several truly talented church members have already said that they would appear, and a few more are yet to be confirmed. If you have a **well practiced, people pleasing, performing proficiency**, please respond to this announcement. The evening will include Italian Red (spaghetti and accompaniments) with potluck desserts. Although the donation jar will be out, there will be no charge. Entertainers will surprise and delight us so that we are not eager to call it a night by nine o'clock. —Vladimir, [ursusmjr@sonic.net](mailto:ursusmjr@sonic.net)

- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

January 22, 12:30 PM (moved from Jan. 15).

- PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 12:30 PM. The report booklets will be distributed by Sunday, Jan. 29.

### Orthodox Sacred Arts Series

**Part Four:** Russian Orthodox Sacred Music

**Speaker:** Nicolas Custer



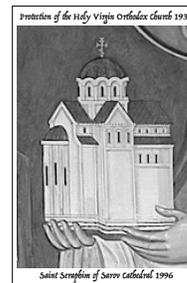
**Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 5 PM**

Saint Seraphim Cathedral  
90 Mountain View Ave  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Email [STS.Y2AM@gmail.com](mailto:STS.Y2AM@gmail.com) for any questions!

# ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

## PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH



**January 8, 2023**



- RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION, Tone Five:

Let us the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and to raise the dead, by His glorious Resurrection.

- TROPARION OF THEOPHANY, Tone One:

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His Word. O Christ, our God, Who hast revealed Thyself, and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

- KONTAKION OF THEOPHANY, Tone Four:

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise: and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light Unapproachable.

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## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, January 7: 5 PM, Great Vespers/Confessions  
6 PM, Baptismal Catechesis/prep
- Sunday, January 8: 9 AM, Baptisms of Paulina and Stefan  
10 AM, Divine Liturgy  
11:30 AM, Church School  
Noon, *Agape Potluck Meal: Farewell for Effie and Deacon Josef*  
12:30 PM, *Livescan for Church School Teachers, etc.*
- Wednesday, January 11: 6 PM, Vespers
- Thursday, January 12: 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Martyr Tatiana  
7 PM, Online Scripture Study with Fr James
- Friday, January 13: *No Confessions due to House Blessings*

- CONGRATULATIONS:

Many Years to Stefan and Paulina, on the day of their baptism.

- THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAMES:

Fr James will resume the 7 PM Thursday evening **Bible Study** via Zoom.

- COMMEMORATION BOOKLETS:

Please update and renew your commemoration booklets for 2023 at the Candle Desk.

- TRUTHFULNESS OF HIS WORD:

The *Troparion* of the Feast of Theophany tells us that “...the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His Word.” This phrase is not about affirming that God is speaking the truth (which He does). Sometimes we hear people sing “...the truthfulness of His words.” But “Word” is singular, not plural: this phrase tells us that the Holy Spirit—Who proceeds from the Father, rests upon the Son as a sign to us that Jesus Christ is indeed the Word of God, the Way and the Truth.

- HOUSE BLESSINGS:

I will be out of the office and off-campus for much of January blessing homes, so please be patient with my return correspondence. Certainly, do not hesitate to call me if a need arises. I always have my phone with me.

The LIST for house blessings is posted in the Narthex. If your name does not appear on the list, it is only because we work out a separate schedule for you. Please contact Fr Nicholas or me, ASAP, to do that. Orthodox Christians dedicate their homes to God in many ways: prayer, an icon corner, harmony between family members; the singing of hymns and the bringing of Holy Water by the priest to sanctify the home and banish the presence of any intrusive and evil spirits and to cleanse the home tainted by our sins. Sin isn't a “one and done” thing. As a fire leaves the smell of smoke, so sin leaves a residue in and around us. The blessing of the home is a cleansing of that sin and an affirmation that the home belongs not to us, but to God, and is an “outpost” of the Church. It's a joyous and victorious act of faith in God. —*Fr Lawrence*

- [WALK FOR LIFE](#) IN SAN FRANCISCO:

Transportation to the *Walk* being arranged now. We are expecting Fr Josiah Trenham and about 50 youth from St. Andrew's Orthodox Church in Riverside to come up on Friday, Jan. 20, to sleep in the Hall, the Sunday School rooms and the Rectory. We will caravan with them to Holy Trinity Cathedral in SF for a 9 AM Divine Liturgy and from there go to the Civic Center for the *Walk*. After the *Walk* we return here for Vespers and a BBQ on Saturday evening. Please come to help with hospitality.

- SENIOR BRUNCH:

The Brunch scheduled for Thursday, January 19 has been postponed. The new date will be announced. Apologies.

- LEAVING FOR SEMINARY:

It is with profound gratitude, love and best wishes that we say goodbye to Deacon Josef and Effie Candelario. Certainly, we are sad to see them go, but we realize that the Church is calling them to another level of service and commitment to our Savior. From the moment they arrived here on January 2, 2022, St. Seraphim Day, our parish has been richly blessed by their presence and hard work, week in and week out. This Sunday's Agape Meal is an opportunity for us to congratulate them, to thank them, to toast them, and to tell them how much we love and admire them. Deacon Josef and Effie will depart on Tuesday, Jan. 10 to make their way to St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary in Crestwood, NY (Yonkers) for a couple of semesters of study. We hope to see them return to our Diocese of the West.