

## 41<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Assembly, October 29-30

Friday, October 29, 2004

*Holiday Inn, Springfield, VT*

Registration	8:30-10:00 A.M.
Molieben	10:00 A.M.
First Plenary	10:30-1:30 P.M.
Lunch	1:30-2:30 P.M.
Second Plenary	2:30-5:30 P.M.

*Holy Trinity Church, Springfield, VT*

Vespers and Confessions	6:00 P.M.
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*Elk's Club, Springfield, VT*

Social Hour	7:00 P.M.
Buffet Dinner	7:30 P.M.

Saturday, October 30, 2004

*Holy Resurrection Church, Claremont, NH*

Divine Liturgy	8:30 A.M.
Brunch	10:30-11:30 A.M.
Third Plenary	11:30-1:00 P.M.

### Bridgeport Parish honors director

On May 24, 2004, Holy Ghost parish in Bridgeport, Connecticut honored Michael Cavaglia for his service to the parish and the choir during his college years at Fairfield University. In tribute to him, Lydia Garasimowicz offered the following words.

"We are here today to say farewell and thank you to Michael Cavaglia. I would like to share some information about him of which you may not be aware. Michael was born on June 4, 1982, to Linda and Anthony Gavaglia. At the age of six, he began to sing in the choir in the Orthodox Christian Church of Christ the Savior in Paramus, New Jersey. While in high school, he began directing the choir under the guidance of Matushka Eugenia Nehrebecki, who taught him the importance of the choir and singing in the Orthodox Church.

BRIDGEPORT TO 6

**Just a reminder!** Holy Trinity Church in Springfield, Vermont, and Holy Resurrection Church in Claremont, New Hampshire will co-host the assembly.

All of Friday's activities (registration, the first plenaries, Vespers, Social Hour and the Banquet) will take place in Springfield. The Saturday schedule will take place in Claremont (Divine Liturgy, brunch and the final plenary session).

As with all diocesan assemblies, parishes must be up to date with their respective diocesan fair share as of September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to have a lay delegate seated at the assembly. Any parish in arrears will have their lay delegate seated as an observer only. Contact Diocesan Chancellor, Fr. Michael Westerberg, if you have any questions about your parish status.

### New Englander ordained



*His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman, vests the newly-ordained Deacon Joshua Mosher, a student at St. Vladimir's Seminary from Holy Transfiguration Church in New Haven, CT.*



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## ON THE DOCKET

A listing of upcoming events in the Diocese.  
Please forward any dates you wish to be included to the Editor.

October 2, 2004

*Annual Orthodox Education Day*  
*St. Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, NY*

October 3, 2004

*Annual FORCC Scholarship Banquet*  
*Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Bridgeport, CT*

October 4, 2004

*SVS Adult Education Institute, 7:00 P.M.*  
*Marriage and Asceticism*  
*Father John Behr*  
*Holy Transfiguration Church, New Haven, CT*

October 5, 2004

*Connecticut Deanery Meeting, 7:00 P.M.*  
*Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Waterbury, CT*

October 11, 2004

*SVS Adult Education Institute, 7:00 P.M.*  
*Contemporary Challenges: Divorce, Mixed and*  
*Inter-faith Marriages, Cohabitation*  
*Father Alexander Rentel*  
*Holy Transfiguration Church, New Haven, CT*

October 18, 2004

*SVS Adult Education Institute, 7:00 P.M.*  
*Contemporary Challenges: Same-sex Marriages*  
*Professor Peter Bouteneff*  
*Holy Transfiguration Church, New Haven, CT*

October 19, 2004

*Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination*  
*of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman*  
*St. Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, PA*

October 29-30, 2004

*41<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Assembly*  
*Holy Trinity Church, Springfield, Vermont*

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# Around the Parishes

## *Bridgeport, Connecticut*

A special luncheon was held on Mother's Day. Every mother in our parish received a carnation upon entering the church. The fathers were honored on Father's Day with a blue-plate special – hot dogs, baked beans and the works. On June 27th, a scrambled eggs breakfast was held, with proceeds going to the seminaries. Our annual parish picnic was held on July 18th.

A farewell coffee hour was held for William Boyle, our part-time Sunday choir director. Bill directed our choir for three years commuting from Whitestone, NY. Bill was received into the Orthodox Church eight years ago. He has attending music and choir directing courses at St. Vladimir's Seminary for two semesters. He is an asset to our church. He will be missed by us and we wish him Many Years!

Congratulations to our recent graduates: Laura Pasick from Western Connecticut State University with a B.S. in Management-Information Systems, and Sean Kirkman from Joseph A. Foran High School – he will attend Southern Connecticut State University.

## OUR DIOCESE

PEOPLE  
PLACES  
EVENTS

Father Kivko Scholarships, \$1,000 each, were awarded to Sean Kirkman, David Zujewski and Matthew Pronechen, who will all be attending college in the fall.

– submitted by Lydia Garasimowicz

## *Hartford, Connecticut*

The August wind down of the Church year was not without special events and activities at All Saints Church in Hartford.

Two Great Feast Days of the Church year brought persons together: We celebrated the Transfiguration with blessings of fruit and distribution of fruit to all attending. This was followed by a Lenten Brunch coordinated by Nick Medynski, with the assistance of several volunteers. Special thanks to the Andrzejewski family for the donation of fruit.

At the Dormition we were each given a flower donated by our FOCA-R Club and blessed at Vespers and Liturgy. This was followed by a birthday cake for Fr. William who celebrates his birthday on the same day.

Outside of the Liturgical life, the parish has been active in other areas:

Thousands of vareniki have already been made at our

workshops for our 31st annual Russian Tea Room and Bazaar Nov. 6 and 7.

We also witnessed construction work beginning on our ramp and handicap bathroom.

Others to be thanked include those who came together for our Outdoor Clean-up helping to beautify our Church grounds. They included Michael Andrzejewski, Marsha Coombs, Chris DuBovik, Chris Evans, Peter Gianopoulos, Joan Holobinko, Nicholas Medynski, Mark Ranstead, Ray Reduker, and Mary Beth, Michael and Paul Stenko. Special thanks to Ola Ferla for plantings and other work on the Church grounds.

Our annual Scarborough Fair was a success despite the stormy weather with more than 300 persons attending. Those attending received information on the Orthodox Church along with a flyer advertising the upcoming Russian Tea Room and Bazaar. The Kitchen, coordinated by Tom Denisky, brought in nearly \$200. a Bake Sale, coordinated by Olga Powliszen, brought in more than \$150. The Tag Sale, coordinated by Mary Beth and Michael Stenko, raised nearly \$1,000. Also helping were Helen, Kathy and Nicholas Andrzejewski, George Babey, Stasha Church, Marsha Coombs, Sophie D'Angona and Brenna, Irene Gianopoulos, Agnes and Eugenia Hanczaruk, Joan Holobinko, Nina Joseph, Valerie Olesnovich, Ray and Olga Reduker, Carol Skerpan and Helen Uremko. Many years to all who gave of themselves throughout the month!

– submitted by Fr. William DuBovik

## *New Haven, Connecticut*

Sunday, August 8, following Liturgy and the blessing of our church, we enjoyed a parish breakfast in the auditorium. The breakfast was held to benefit the Mosher family (Joshua/Jennie and children). Funds raised will help offset the living and schooling expenses in the upcoming year at St. Vladimir's Seminary. Joshua was ordained to the holy diaconate on September 14, at St. Vladimir's Seminary. Special thanks to Susan Papademetris and Susan Lickwar for chairing this successful event.

Father Michael Westerberg held a Molieben service on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for members of the Ladies Auxiliary on their Patronal feast.

Nikolay Khyilstov, infant son of Ivan and Olga Khyilstov was baptized on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Grace Victoria Cooper, infant daughter of Nathan and Anne Cooper was baptized on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in California. May God grant all of you good health and many years!

Father Michael traveled to Contoocook, New Hampshire to spend a day at the Diocesan Youth Rally.

Congratulations: Louise and Walter Shimshick cel-

## THE FATHERS SPEAK

## On the Joy of Being Orthodox

“Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” (Jn.1: 47) Our Lord Jesus Christ said this of a certain Nathanael, an Israelite who dwelt in the Galilean town of Cana, when the latter, on the advice of his friend Philip, went to meet Jesus Christ to be assured whether He was the Messiah promised to Israel.

Philip said to Nathanael, “We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph!” But Nathanael said to him, “Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip then said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, He said, “Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to Him, “Whence knowest Thou me?” Jesus answered him, saying, “Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee,” i.e., I knew all your thoughts, your faith, your hope for the Messiah, your future ministry.

The Lord Who knows the hearts of men apparently touched the very heartstrings of Nathanael, his inmost thoughts, desires, aspirations, showing His divine omniscience plainly to him. Thus was Nathanael brought to faith in Christ, and he cried out, “Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel!” and became His disciple.

Why is it that during the Great Fast, on the day called the “Sunday of Orthodoxy,” it is this particular Gospel which is prescribed to be read? Because the Lord’s words to Nathanael reveal the character of the true, or Orthodox, Christian and, in general, the character of the true Church of Christ. “Behold, an Israelite indeed,” the Lord said of Nathanael, “in whom is no guile,” i.e., behold a man who rightly, directly, firmly thinks, reasons, believes, hopes, speaks and acts, since Nathanael directly, immediately believed in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and never wavered in his faith and hope, never changed his mind concerning His divine Person.

Should not the true Christian be like him; should not the divinely instituted society of Orthodox Christians also be such; should not the Orthodox Church be such, and is it not such? What high praise did He Who searches the hearts and reins render unto Nathanael in the words: “Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” What high praise there is for that Christian of whom the Lord says, “Behold a Christian indeed, in whom is no guile!,” and for that Church

of which the Lord will say, “Behold a Church indeed, in which is no guile, or vain human inventions, i.e., which is wholly true in all its doctrines, mysteries, divine services, directives, and its entire organization.

And just such men were our holy favorites of God; such has the whole Orthodox Church been from the beginning up to now, as is borne witness by an impartial history of the Church and by God Himself through the diverse signs and wonders wrought in the Church. It is, as the Apostle says, “the pillar and ground of Truth,” it is “a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.”

To preserve the Orthodox Faith rivers of the blood of the apostles, the prophets and the martyrs were poured forth; and many tortures were borne by the venerable fathers and other champions of the Faith.

But what about us, the children of the Orthodox Church? Are we preserving this precious inheritance, the Orthodox Faith; are we following its teachings, commandments, canons, rules, counsel? Do we love to offer service to God? Are we renewed thereby, are we hallowed each and every day, are we setting ourselves aright, are we attaining the perfection which the saints have reached? Are we becoming perfect in love for God and our neighbors; do we cherish our Faith; do we regard the mercy of God as the greatest thing, and that we have the good fortune to belong to the Orthodox Church is the first and greatest happiness in our life? What answer would we give to these questions if we were to respond according to our conscience?

To our shame, we must admit that in many Orthodox Christians the Orthodox Faith is not only absent in their heart, but it is also not on their tongue; among them it has vanished entirely, or has been turned into total indifference with regard to any religion whatever—Catholic, Lutheran, Jewish, Mohammendan, or pagan. We hear that one may please God in every religion, i.e., that every religion is supposedly pleasing to God, and that falsehood and truth, righteousness and unrighteousness are matters about which God does not care.

This is what ignorance of their own Faith, ignorance of the spirit and history of their Church, estrangement from its life and divine services, has brought many to—an eclipse of any understanding of

Orthodoxy, heterodoxy and other religions! The annals of modern events relate that somewhere in Russia a certain headmaster, during the examination of his students, referred to the story of the sacrifice of Isaac as stupid.

This is darkness, chaos, pernicious ignorance! The Christian, as a member of the Church, must know his own Faith and strive to live according to that Faith, to achieve salvation by means of that Faith, because the enemies of our salvation never sleep; they seek our destruction every hour and every day. The Orthodox Christian must not dismiss his Faith as a concern merely of certain people, or as a disposable toy appropriate only for children, or something fit only, as it were, for the uneducated common folk.

It would not be out of place to remind those who think thus of the venerable antiquity of our Faith, which is contemporary with the beginning of the human race, and of its direct origin with God and that men of high birth, vocation, position and gender lived and attained salvation in this Faith – glorious kings and wise philosophers, law-givers and the greatest orators, nobles and simple folk, rich and poor, men and women, the beauty and glory of the human race.

To the glory of the Orthodox Faith one ought also to say that no other religion than the Orthodox Faith is capable of bringing man to moral perfection or holiness and the pleasing of God, as is shown by the history of the Church and the incorrupt, wonder-working remains of the holy favorites of God and the miraculous feats of the saints of the Orthodox Church, whereby they became perfectly pleasing unto God, becoming clairvoyant and working wonders even during their lifetime. Thus must it be for the sane mind: only a perfect Faith with all its divine powers, with the full spiritual armor of God, is able to bring one to perfection, against the passion-fraught flesh, the world and the devil.

And if now many even Orthodox Christians live badly, their manner of life, even if truly ungodly, cannot in the least, of course, be held against the Orthodox Faith, which is unshakable in its principles of Truth and holiness, in accordance with the promise of the Savior Himself and the testimony of history. Such people, although they have departed

# Archangel St. Raphael Fund

Walk with your head looking up knowing that God sees, and knowing that you have made a difference. Give a gift, from your heart, today. *“For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.” Psalm 109:31*

When we think of feeding a hungry child, we should not think of feeding only the physical body. As food is nourishment for the body, church is nourishment for the soul. It is critical to the life of an abandoned child to nourish not only his physical body but also his soul. Therefore, we need to provide food for his physical and emotional well-being, in addition to providing the Word of God for healing of the spiritual being.

So many children that have been abandoned live a day-to-day existence of neglect, broken-hearted and exposed to a spiritually lost community, at a developmental age that creates an illness in their souls and brains.

We may refer to the resulting “sickness of the soul” as reactive attachment disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, major depressive mood disorder, multiple personality disorder, or a variety of other diagnoses, all of which may be treated with an array of medication.

But who treats the soul? Who thinks of the soul of a little abandoned child that is starving, the soul of a child dying of AIDS, or the soul of a child prostitute? Who dares to look beyond the most immediate physical needs of these seemingly forsaken children? Our creator does; and He has equipped us in varying ways to attend to the needs of one another, especially to the needs of His orphans and widows. “Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven” (Mt 19:14).

In a troubled and painful world as ours can be, who is there to watch over and care for all the deprived children? Who is there to protect and nourish them? Who is there to guide the innocent children away from a dark and doomed life? Through the blessings and faith of God comes the

Archangel Saint Raphael Fund, with the goal of nourishing the children from the streets of Guatemala.

The Archangel Saint Raphael Fund was established in cooperation between Mother Ines Ayau Garcia, Abbess, member of the founding family and Administrator of the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orthodox Orphanage in Guatemala City, Guatemala; and Carol Paulakos-Clarke, M.Ed., founder of Plan-it For Kids PC, licensed non-profit adoption agency and registered charity in Berlin, PA. The fund is named after the Archangel Saint Raphael because he is the Patron Saint of Children, Healer of Souls, Healer of the Sick, and Protector of the Traveler.

The Archangel Saint Raphael Fund allows for the time needed for the healing of the souls of the children at the Hogar. Dollars donated allow the abused, neglected, and abandoned children to live safely at the orphanage until their needs can be met, either by being reunited with family or by being adopted and placed with a new family. The government of a third world country does not usually have the funds needed to provide for these children. At the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage, the children finally have the gift of life, a chance, in a house of prayer. The children are encouraged to experience God’s love in church right on the grounds of the Orphanage. They are given an opportunity for the healing of their hearts and souls. Dollars donated provide safe and clean shelter, food to eat, water to drink, a safe place to dry away their tears and to dream. The Archangel Saint Raphael Fund needs your help today to feed the orphans. With the ever-changing law concerning adoption in Guatemala, there is an increasing need to feed the abandoned, abused, and neglected children.

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## FATHERS FROM 4

from us, were not ours in essence, but only in name...

Yea, my brethren, only the Orthodox Faith purifies and sanctifies human nature which has been defiled by sin...Do you wish to be assured of this? Read the history of the lives of the saints, the history of the Church, and you will see this for yourselves. You will see wolves transformed into lambs, fornicators into angelic righteous men and women, misers into paragons of charity, lovers of pleasure into ascetics; you will see people of power and earthly grandeur and luxury in humble monastic garb...These were true Christians indeed; these were angels in the flesh, citizens of heaven while still on earth... This is what our Orthodox Faith can do with those who sincerely hold to it and follow its direction!

But why does it not produce such a salvific change within us? Because of disbelief and lack of faith, flippancy, depravity and unrepentance of heart, because of the passions which have intensified and gained dominion over us, because we have withdrawn from the Church, and because many are not in the least imbued with the spirit and life of the Church, and many are only weakly, only formally, insincerely, attached to it. Because all the modern lusts have been engendered within us...For us to be genuine Orthodox Christians, we must first of all have living, constant fellowship with the Orthodox Church, i.e., participation in its prayers, teachings, mysteries, we must earnestly study our Faith and become imbued with it, live in its spirit, be guided by its rules, commandments, precepts; and most important, we must restore within us by true and profound repentance the image of the true Orthodox Christian, according to the image of the saints, ancient and recent, according to the model of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who says: “I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you” (Jn. 13: 15), that the Lord may also say to us, as He once said of Nathanael, “Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Amen.

*St. John of Kronstadt*

**BRIDGEPORT FROM 1**

“In 2000, he enrolled at Fairfield University with a major in Music and a minor in Russian Studies. Besides his academic studies, he was a member of the Fairfield University Glee Club, Chamber Singers, Mendelssohn Choir of Connecticut, and the Yale Russian Chorus. He also conducted the Holy Ghost Choir and was a reader, held rehearsals for Pascha and the Nativity, organized material, and supplied music. During semester breaks, he joined Campus Ministries to help with the Mission of St. Raphael in California.

“He received a Music Achievement Award from Fairfield University, he is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu,



*Michael Cavaglia at his farewell in Holy Ghost Church*

an honor society of Jesuit colleges and universities, and Phi Beta Kappa. He received an icon from His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius, for his work at Holy Ghost Church.

“In Matthew’s Gospel, 25:14-30, we read about the talents given to three persons and what they did with them. At the end of each liturgy, in the dismissal prayer before the Ambo, we hear ‘for every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights.’

“Michael was given a talent (gift) and he used it, multiplied it, and shared it with us. When the Book of Life is opened on the last day and we are accountable, we hope we hear a Voice saying, ‘Michael Cavaglia, thou good and faithful servant, in you I am well-pleased.’ He will be sorely missed, but he has set a goal and has been given the talent. Our love goes with him.”

Michael Cavaglia, after four years of faithful service to the Church in Bridgeport, has been accepted in a Masters Degree program in Choral Conducting. The Holy Ghost choir presented him with a Mollard Conducting Baton and a set of tuning forks.

Many Years!

*- submitted by Lydia Garasimowicz*

# New Englanders participate in Parish Ministries Conference



*Fr. Vladimir Aleandro (Southbury, CT) leads discussion on discerning talents within a parish*



*Fr. Steven Voytovich (Clinton, CT) leads discussion on visitation and hospital chaplaincy.*



*Suzanne Aleandro (Southbury, CT) is a member of the OCA Christian Witness and Service Department, which sponsored the conference at St. Vladimir’s Seminary in July.*

## PARISHES FROM 3

celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. Helen Cherniavsky turned 80 and treated everyone to coffee hour.

Matushka Lydia attended the baptism of her grand-nephew, Noah Edwards, infant son of Steve and Rebecca Koblosh Edwards. Noah was baptized on August 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington; DC. Grandpa Father Michael Koblosh performed the ceremony. Noah's five-year-old brother Jacob served as altar boy.

Our assistant Starosta's (Dmitry Klimenko) sister-in-law (Catherine) was received into Orthodoxy in Washington, DC the last week of August. Dmitry and several of our parishioners traveled to D.C. to attend the service.

There is still time to join us on Monday evenings for the SVS lectures. Father John Behr will be guest speaker on October 4. Topic of discussion will be the *Marriage and Asceticism*. Monday, October 11, guest speaker will be Father Alexander Rentel; discussion will be on *Contemporary Challenges: Divorce, Mixed and Interfaith Marriages, Cohabitation*. Last, but not least, Dr. Peter Bouteneff's topic on Monday, October 18 will be *Contemporary Challenges: Same-Sex Unions*. Please join us for great fellowship. Parking is free and so are the snacks.

Once again, we will be honored to host to the Stremsky Family Children's Choir comprised of eleven children (ages 8 & 9) from the Holy Trinity Orthodox Mercy House (Saraktash, Orenburg region, Russia) on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The children will perform a concert of Russian Sacred and Folk Music. Proceeds from the concert help the children and elderly of Mercy House. A collection will be taken to help them with their living expenses.

Our heartfelt sympathy extended to Anastasia Homick on the loss of her beloved sister Helen. May her Memory be Eternal!

- submitted by Barbara Ann Dixon



*Deacon Joshua Mosher and his family celebrate his ordination on the Elevation of the Cross, September 14, at St. Vladimir's Seminary*

## FORCC Notes

Our September 16 meeting was held at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Park Avenue, Bridgeport. Presentation of Hope Line followed the business meeting. FORCC Benefit Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 3, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Park Avenue, Bridgeport. Protopresbyter John N. Kaloudes, Development Director for the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) will be the guest speaker. Topic of discussion will be Orthodoxy and the family.

FORCC October meeting will be held at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Norwalk and the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Three Saints Church, Ansonia. Election of officers will take place on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings start at 7:30 P.M. and end at 9:00 P.M. Please join us.

We have planned for some special programs during our meetings - Tentative programs are as follows: October 21<sup>st</sup> Christian Education (sharing of Sunday School resources and materials) Information. November 18<sup>th</sup> we are planning to have a presentation on Life Line.

- submitted by Barbara Ann Dixon

## Mission seeks books

We are soliciting your donation of Orthodox books for our new Parish Library. Our 60 member parish is located in the Center for Orthodox Christian Studies at St. Andrew House in Detroit, MI.

As a new Orthodox parish our burden of outreach presents the need to have a place where those seeking a clearer understanding of our Holy Orthodox faith can come and learn. Your generous donation will enable us to serve both the community at-large and our own parish faithful who yearn to study and learn what we believe as Orthodox Christians.

Won't you look at those books gathering dust on your shelves and consider donating to our church Orthodox Reference Library? Our shelves are empty but with your kind donation they can be filled with the word of God, books on Holy Tradition and our Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We will gratefully acknowledge any gift of books, cassette tapes or video cassettes with a letter of thanks. All donations to our parish are tax deductible for the fair market value of the gift, which you determine.

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## Fr. Sergei Glagolev Recording Available

PORTLAND, OR – After completing sessions in August for the recording “Music for the Fall of Constantinople” (produced by Grammy-award winner Steve Barnett), Cappella Romana entered the studio again on September 17-22 for a ground-breaking recording of the sacred choral works of the Rev. Sergei Glagolev (b. 1927).

The Very Rev. Fr. Sergei Glagolev is one of the most prolific and renowned composers and arrangers of Orthodox liturgical music in the United States. The first volume of the series *Orthodox Liturgical Music in America* (published by PSALM: the Pan-Orthodox Society for the Advancement of Liturgical Music) is devoted to the works of Fr. Glagolev, in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Father Sergei Glagolev descends from a long line of Orthodox priests and educators dating from the fifteenth century. He grew up in the large communities of Russian emigres in the Gary, IN and Cleveland, OH areas in the 1920s and 1930s. His musical education began under the tutelage of his father, but after World War II, he was educated at Oberlin, Julliard, New York University, and St. Vladimir’s Theological Seminary.

In 1940s New York one of Glagolev’s primary mentors was the Russian Orthodox composer

Alexander Gretchaninov. He spent 23 years in California where he and his wife were called in 1954 to organize the first English-speaking Orthodox mission. From that time to the present Father Sergei Glagolev has pioneered the use of the English vernacular in Orthodox services, producing a body of beautiful choral music that until now has never been recorded by a professional ensemble.

Cappella Romana will make a CD of selected works by Fr. Sergei, with Slavic music specialist Dr. Vladimir Morosan conducting. Dr. Morosan is one of America’s leading authorities on the choral music of the Russian tradition, and is owner and editor-in-chief of the publishing house *Musica Russica*. Father Glagolev will travel from his home in New York to participate in the recording as a soloist and advisor.

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Trinity Cultural Series (Indianapolis), and the Bloomington (Indiana) Early Music Festival also presented the ensemble, as will the Getty Museum in November 2004.

Cappella Romana presents a regular series concerts in Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington, and its latest CD is “Music of Byzantium.” Directed by founder Dr. Alexander Lingas, Cappella Romana is a vocal chamber ensemble dedicated to combining passion with scholarship in its exploration of the musical traditions of the Christian East and West, with emphasis on early and contemporary music. Performing music of the Three Romes, its name is derived from the medieval concept of the Roman *oikoumene* (inhabited world), which included not only “Old” Rome and Western Europe but also “New Rome” (Constantinople) and “Third Rome” (Moscow) and its commonwealth of Slavic countries.

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