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Replace page 3: Table of Contents

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## METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPORT

Report will be presented verbally at the Diocesan Assembly

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ARCHITECTURE

No report

## CHARITY DEPARTMENT

### Department of Charities Report Archpriest Lawrence Russell August 30, 2009

Since last year's Diocesan Assembly, four charitable institutions received funds from the Diocese of the West. These allocations were part of the Diocese of the West's charitable outreach and were proposed by the Charity Committee, reviewed by the Diocesan Budgetary Committee, presented to the Diocesan Council and adopted as part of our '08/09 diocesan budget at last year's Diocesan Assembly.

The services provided by the institutions we supported are often a matter of life and death for those who receive them:

- *Raphael House* (San Francisco and Portland) assists battered women and at-risk families.
- *Martha and Mary House* is an Orthodox Christian Maternity Home "providing spiritual, emotional and practical support for pregnant women in crisis facing difficult life choices for themselves and their unborn children."
- *The Gobezie-Goshu Home for the Elderly* is a dormitory that houses and feeds up to 60 destitute elderly in the northern regions of Ethiopia. The work also currently cares for 90 invalid shut-ins and provides tuition for 400 kindergarteners.

The funding for the budget of this department comes through the Stewards of the West. The committee's approach has been to offer limited diocesan funds to institutions that are directly related, in one way or another, to our diocese. There is a \$1,000 discretionary part of the proposed budget. This year, the department had two requests to help clergymen and their families. In addition, during Great Lent of '09, His Grace, instructed us to raise additional funds for the Martha Mary House in San Diego. These funds were raised by appeal to all parishes of the Diocese. Vladyka Benjamin asked that I make a second appeal a little later in the year, as donations coming from the first appeal were low.

The committee has received official requests for continued funding and proposes the same annual budget that it proposed for last year:

Raphael House, Portland	\$1,000.00
Raphael House, San Francisco	\$500.00
Gobezie-Goshu Home	\$500.00
Martha & Mary House	\$1,200.00
Discretionary Fund	\$1,000.00
<b><u>Budget Total</u></b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>

No decision has been made as to what charity will be designated to receive the funds raised in the 2010 Lenten appeal.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Archpriest Lawrence Russell, Chair

# COMMUNICATIONS

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT TO THE 2009 DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The Department of Communications is charged with facilitating the flow of information throughout the Diocese. It does this through the Diocesan website and the “Orthodox Vision” magazine.

The Department formally consists of Dr. Dmitri Solodow, chair; Fr. John Schroedel, webmaster; and Barry Migyanko, Diocesan Administrative Assistant. Informally, every member of the Diocese helps the Department by contributing the news, photographs, articles and other information without which neither the website nor the magazine could exist.

A major goal of the Department for 2008 was achieved by Fr. John Schroedel, who completely revised the format and content of the website, making it a source of current and updated information.

The Department’s goals for 2009 have been:

**1. Revise the website format to make it even more user-friendly.**

After receiving input from Bishop Benjamin, individuals and the Diocesan Council, the website format was reviewed. A new homepage will be created, links to major categories will be revised and topical information will be more easily accessed. A preliminary meeting on these topics was held in the early summer, and, with the blessing of His Grace, the new website elements will be in place by the end of the year.

**2. Determine the future status of the “Orthodox Vision”**

“The Orthodox Vision” magazine has been published by the Diocese with varying frequency as a means of providing information of a less time-critical nature than that on the website, such as theological reflections, Church calendar-related items and general news. It’s distribution has been coupled with fund-raising appeals.

Over time, contributions to both the content of the magazine and to its fund-raising requests, have very significantly declined. At the same time, publishing costs have increased, even as alternative formats and materials have been explored.

The Diocesan Council recommended, and His Grace blessed, that the publication of the “Orthodox Vision” be suspended.

**3. Expand the sources of input to the website.**

The website can only be as current and thorough in what it reports as its users permit. Every parish, every parishioner, every friend of the Diocese can help by submitting information about up-coming parish events, celebrations, related community events, photographs, reflections on matters Orthodox and interesting materials found elsewhere.

Our aim is to knit together the members of our eight-state Diocese through sharing information about what we are doing as the Body of Christ in the West. Tell us, and we’ll tell others.



**EDUCATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**REPORT TO THE 2009 DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

Any number of excellent educational materials are available for use via TOCA, OCEC, and other canonical jurisdiction websites, thus it seems redundant and presumptuous for this department to create more curriculum and ways to structure a parish education program.

That being said, I cannot overstate that an educator's personal spiritual growth and participation in the Church's life is the single most critical factor in passing on the Orthodox faith to our youth and children. If a teacher is instructing a class on the significance of the Baptism of Christ, but is not present at the feast of Theophany, for example... the teaching is near all for nought (c.f. "what thank have ye, even sinners to the same")! Parish educators are to first instruct by example, deed, and participation, then by word, lest our Holy Orthodox faith be reduced to mere data points of events, persons, rites, etc., that children can get at any "church" in town, often in a much more entertaining format.

We must strive to lead our children, youth, and catechumens into holistic participation in the life of Christ and the Church. This is the beauty and depth of what we have to offer the world... they can find Bible stories elsewhere, but nowhere else can they participate in the events of the Scriptures, and come to know the Saints as "extended family" in Christ. Parish educators, vested fully in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church, are essential.

Even more essential is that parents lead their children in their religious education and participation. A teacher can encourage, exhort, explain, and themselves participate in the Church's life before their students... but a teacher is rarely in a position to bring their students to the feast or event of the Church (though this is always an option!). For this reason, parish education is optimally effective when it is family centered. This does not mean that traditional Sunday School classes should be eliminated in favor of "family education nights" (though again, that is an option to be considered in the right circumstances), but that parents are to be encouraged and empowered to see themselves as the primary religious educators of their children. For example, there is an ever growing amount of quality Orthodox children's books on the market. These must be readily available to families via parish bookstores, given as gifts to children in the parish, etc..... By empowering parents to educate their children, the parents themselves are educated!

- a goal of this department is to encourage and exhort educators and parents to an ever fuller participation in the life of the Church!
- a second goal is to encourage purchasing and reading of the ever-growing amount of children's books on Orthodoxy. Of note are the excellent children's books being published by the Christ the Savior Publishing: "Path to Confession"; "House of God"; "Bless, O Lord" among others.
- a third goal is to be available to parishes regarding religious education issues and challenges, providing feedback, resources, suggestions.

Fr. Anthony Karbo

# GENERAL COUNSEL

No Report

## **2009 Diaconal Vocations Program (DVP) DOW Department Report**

Our diocesan website currently has available: 1) DVP description and detailed explanation; 2) DVP application, and 3) DVP Course Outline and Curriculum (*I sent a pdf file of the curriculum to be added to the website several months ago, which is still not uploaded to diocesan website*).

Please see our diocesan website for a detailed *description* of the new program: <http://dowoca.org/offices>

Here is the current list of persons enrolled in the DVP divided into several categories. Here's one group that I've been able to identify as "Active" in the program based on the fact that they applied, were accepted, and began studies, but did not yet complete them:

Koch	Robert
Paez	Andre
Parks	Chrysostomos
Peugh	John
Shumaik	George
Solodow	Dmitri
Wilson	Bernard
Wilkinson	Terry

This next group is what I'm calling "Inactive" meaning; perhaps they inquired, but never filled out the application, or filled it out but never started:

Anderson	Bradley
Holder	Robert
Mease	Robert
Moore	Robert
Sprinkle	James

And here are the ones who have completed, at least in terms of what I've been able to determine from the files going back about ten years. The list is longer than this, but it's what I've been able to determine so far:

Brinegar	Theodore
Brown	James
Fordice	Ronald Luke
Golitzin	George
Haloulakos	George
Jacobs	Andrew
Maev	Uri

As presented to me originally in 2007 by the then Director of the national DVP, Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, and recently updated based on the most recent data from the current national director, Fr. Andrew Jarmus. *[Note: Actually, I am still waiting to receive the current data from Syosset, which I requested repeatedly more than six weeks ago. I understand that there are some challenges in Syosset.]*

Respectively submitted to the 2009 Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of the West,

*Fr. John Armstrong*

Fr. John Armstrong

# LITURGICAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

No Report

# MATUSHKA ACTIVITIES REPORT

No Report

## STEWARDS OF THE WEST 2009

This was a good year for donations from the Stewards of the West! Membership in each category increased. The following is a listing of all those who contributed above and beyond the support of their parish and participated in the support of the outreach efforts of the Diocese of the West. This list reflects donations and pledges received from August 16, 2008 through August 30, 2009. The total received during this period was \$52,282.

All single donations in excess of \$250 have been acknowledged, as required by the IRS. All donors have been sent acknowledgement/thank you letters.

Sincerely,

Mary L Caetta  
Treasurer  
Diocese of the West

### Beacon Membership

Anonymous  
Caetta, Mary  
Solodow, Dmitri

### Torch Bearer Membership

Anderson, Bradley  
Azrael, Julia  
Hartman, The Rev. Kirill  
Headley, Mark  
Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco  
Hughes, Robert P. & Olga R.  
Nowik, Eugene & Dorothy  
Russian Women's Home  
St Barbara Monastery

### Standard Bearer Membership

Anderson, Priest Michael & Vickie  
Caetta, Mary Louise  
Our Lady of Kazan Skete  
Pieracci, Kathy {C}  
Protection of the Holy Virgin Church  
Sayre, Craig  
St. Spiridon Orthodox Church/Seattle

## Sustaining Members

Ahrens, Steven  
Anonymous  
Aristov, Andrey & Karin  
Artemoff, George & Svetlana  
Austin, Jenn Elizabeth  
Becker, Kevin & Mildred  
Benjamin, His Grace Bishop  
Boldireff, Fr. Nicolas & Anisia  
Boudovskaia, Elena  
Carlisle, Megan  
Clark, Dominica (Beverly)  
Crawford, Randal W.  
Cunha, Marlene  
deSomov, Madeleine  
Dirks, John & Camilla  
Dorning, Luke & Susan  
Draskovic, Laura  
Duffy, Kevin  
Edgington, Gabriel & Nina  
Farley, Paul & Leslie  
Follestad, Niels  
Fort, John & Martha  
Gorodetskaia, Veronica  
Graham, George  
Griovski, Petar & Roberta  
Hajdu-Cronin, Yvonne  
Hanna, Hanna G.  
Harmer, David & Jeanne  
Harrison, Robert & Connie  
Hayashi, Kaleria  
Henry, The Rev Peter - C  
Hirsch, The Rev. Joseph & Paulette  
Holmes, Scott & Esther  
Homiak, Daniel & Dominique  
Homyak, Harold  
Hurst, Joe & Leslie  
Jaeger, Marilyn  
Kaliakin, Nikolai & Inna  
Kasperovich, Vitaly  
Kautsky, Mark  
Kerr, Candace  
Kharitonoff, Sara  
Krupenkin, Gai & Tamara  
Kvamme, Thomas & Janice  
Letten, Fr. Nicholas & Barbara  
Lothrop, Charfles & Janet  
Lowell, Fr. David & Elaine  
Lupu, Alexandria  
MacKinnon, Father Ian & Nina  
Mahlke, James  
Mancantelli, The Rev. John  
Mercurief, Kathi & Joe  
Mikita, Joseph & Joyce  
Moision, William  
Mondschein, Elizabeth  
Newmaster, John & Sandra  
Novak, Linda  
Owens, Barbara  
Parent, Robert  
Phillips, William  
Piatnitski, Andrei & Margarita  
Pierce, Fr. John & Katherine  
Pogrebniak, Matushka Helen  
Popoff, Jr., Alexander & Maria  
Pouschine, Ivan & Helen  
Protection of the Holy Virgin Monastery  
Prybyla, Paul & Manya  
Raburn, Darrell & Helene  
Relucio, Karen  
Richards, Fr Deacon Ben & Jayne  
Richter, Alexander  
Rosen, Carol  
Roufail, Fouad & Samira  
Saint Anthony Orthodox Church/Bozeman  
Savko, Michael  
Schumacher, Stephen  
Schwalbenberg, Peter  
Scovel, Marlene  
Sekella, Daniel & Linda  
Shaw, Fr. Athanasius  
Shkalov, The VRev Alexander & Rozalia  
Shkurkin, Vladimir & Olga  
Shumaik, George & Carole  
Sidio, Lydia  
Skikos, Andrew & Kathrin  
Smith, Larry & Mindy  
SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church/Phoenix  
St. Andrew Orthodox Church/Delta  
St. Christina Orthodox Church  
St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church/lit  
St. Herman Orthodox Church/Oxnard  
St. Innocent Orthodox Church/Eureka

St. Innocent Orthodox Church/Tarzana  
St. Michael Orthodox Church/Pueblo  
Stanciulescu, Maria  
Stichick, Chariessa  
Strickland, Priest John & Yelena  
Sysock, Marie  
Tar, Natalie  
Tarris, The VRev. Eugene  
Telles, Kenneth & Kathy  
Temerin, Michael & Galina Pomotalkina  
Teshin, Alex & Natalie  
Thomas, Olga  
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Solodow, Dmitri & Misuzu  
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Vitko, John & Katherine  
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Wallace, Elizabeth  
Welsh, Donald & Carolyn  
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Worth, Erik & Diane  
Young, Tatjana  
Zelesnik, Michael  
Zhovreboff, George & Evelyn

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Bahleda, Olga  
Bodenhause, Judith  
Booriakin, Walter & Tania  
Bozhich, Eugene & Veronica  
Brown, Alex  
Burg, Art & Olga  
Cahenzli, Michael & JoAnn  
Calderon, Bernard Thomas  
Church of the Holy Myrrhbearing Wo  
Collins, Steve & Ali  
Cook, Gregory  
Cyzowsky, Sonja  
Denda, Samuel  
Douglas, Jonathan & Joanne  
Edson, Tracey D.  
Ethen, Geraldine  
Flynn, Anne  
Frey, Elizabeth  
Gabis, Anna  
Gebremedhen, Mengisteab & Natsnet  
Geralt, Nadia  
Halkedis, Anne  
Hansen, Natalie  
Holl, Dimitry & Lois(Capitolina)  
Holy Resurrection Church/Tacoma

Hudnut, F. Vernon & Sophie  
Hughes, Gregory & Polly  
Hunter, Michael  
Hutch, Gerald & Concetta  
Judy, Donald & Bonnie  
Kalinowski, Fr. Bazyl & Zenaida  
Katriss, Frances  
King, Walter & Kimberly  
Kluge, JoAnn  
Kojin, Nonna  
Kopcha, Paul & Marie  
Kost, Mary Lu  
Kovtunovich, Isabel  
Kreel, Caroline  
Krupnak, Walter & Carmella  
LaCondo, Rosemary  
Leonoff, Irene  
Levenetz, Boris  
Martin, Linda L.  
Martynienko, Renata  
Miller, Kevin & Helen  
Ofstedal, Sarah  
Pecevich, Anthony & Jennie  
Pellizzer, Thomas  
Penco, Clemente & Lubov  
Pentikis, Priest Photius  
Rantz, Agnes C  
Reynolds, Paul & Susan  
Rome, The Rev. Michael & Rachel  
Sabel, Kenneth  
Saint Moses the Strong Mission



Schilling, Rebecca  
Shalygin, Boris & Zinaida  
Shalygina, Aleksandra  
Shamanaeva, Natalia  
Shank, Father David & Constance  
Shuman, Frederic & Mary  
Sinelnikov, Boris S  
Sinkiewicz, Swietlana  
Skvir, Natalea  
Sokolov, ArchDeacon Kirill & Sophia  
Soumiatin, Andrei & Marina

St. John-Hughes, Polly  
Tate, Fr. Matthew & Lois  
Taylor, Daniel & Christina  
Tcherkassov, Alexei {C}  
Todd, Allen  
Uliantzeff, Tamara  
Walker, Irina  
Wilkalis, Catherine  
Wingate, SubDeacon Davi & Eleni  
Yannone, Helen  
Zadorozny, Helen

Department of Youth Ministries  
Report to the Diocesan Assembly  
October 14-16, 2009

**Introduction**

The Department of Youth Ministries is currently structured such that the Deaneries of the Diocese each run their own youth ministry activities. Funds are set aside in the Diocesan Budget to assist these efforts. In addition, as Director of the Department I am available for consultations by parishes and deaneries when questions arise. I am also in communication with our Central Department of Youth Ministries as well as the Youth Department of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians. This past February I gave a presentation to the participants of the Mission Deanery Retreat about how communities with small numbers of youth can still have an effective youth ministry effort.

Below are some of the events that deaneries have sponsored and/or participated in this past year. The list is not at all complete as my responsibility with my own community has overshadowed many things this year and I have not been able to be in good communication with the other Deaneries. A goal for this coming year is to improve communication between the Department and the Deaneries to get a better picture of what is happening.

**Pacific Central Deanery**

Though I am rector of a Mission community within the Mission Deanery of the Diocese, geographically I am located within area of the Pacific Central Deanery, in which I coordinate youth ministry efforts. This past year these efforts included, 2 annual retreats (one in the Fall and one in the Spring) and St. Eugene's Summer Youth Camp in July. We were not able to hold our annual youth BBQ this past May due to the blessings and strains of our mission purchasing and renovating two properties (see St. Christina of Tyre Mission's report for more details). We also were not able to coordinate a post camp summer event due to a lack of anyone to host it.

The Fall retreat was sponsored and hosted by St. Christina of Tyre Mission in Fremont, CA and included a service project raking and cleaning windows at the local family homeless shelter in Fremont. About 15 teens participated. The Spring retreat was sponsored and hosted by Elevation of the Holy Cross Church in Sacramento, CA and gathered about 15 participants.

St. Eugene's Camp was held in July at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. 54 kids and over a dozen clergy and laity came together from throughout California for a week focused on learning about and living according to Christ's love in every aspect of our lives. We were blessed with the presence of His Grace Bishop BENJAMIN this year who led very interactive question and answer sessions with the campers. Visit the Diocesan website for photos.



This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of having a regular schedule of youth activities. Youth in the area are getting to anticipate and look forward to attending. The events throughout the year feed into summer camp and summer camp feeds into the other events throughout the year. All events are advertised to all Orthodox Parishes in the area and are receiving some inter-Orthodox support.

This coming year we are planning on returning to our fuller schedule with a retreat in November, a retreat on St. Mary of Egypt Sunday, a Youth BBQ at end of May beginning of June, and a late summer fellowship event (Water Park, etc.).

### **Rocky Mountain Deanery**

The Rocky Mountain Deanery hosts two events each year: a teen winter retreat between Christmas and New Years and the Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp. Over 140 campers and staff came together this year for camp. See the Diocesan website for photos.



### **Goals for 2009-2010**

- To develop better regular communication among the Deaneries to get more of an idea of the many youth activities taking place.
- To create a Youth Department page on the Diocesan Website for information about upcoming youth events throughout the Diocese as well as photos of what took place afterwards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priest Michael Anderson, Director

## INSTITUTION REPORTS

**Russian Women's Home of Mercy**

**Account Balances**

**October 1, 2009**

**Cash**

\$128,319

Fidelity

74,714

Checking and CD

**\$203,033**

Total Cash

**Outstanding Loan Amounts**

\$632,040

Life Giving Spring Retreat Center

124,313

Protection of the Holy Virgin Church, Santa Rosa

108,333

Saint Christina's Church, Fremont

**\$864,686**

Total Outstanding Loans

**\$203,033**

**Total Cash**

846,686

**Total Loans**

**\$1, 067,719**

**Total**

Respectfully,

Johann Morse, Treasurer

## Report of Life Giving Spring Retreat Center

### 2009 Diocesan Assembly

The Live Giving Spring Retreat Center is a separately incorporated entity that has a board that is approved by the diocesan hierarch. This board is responsible for all decisions and actions pertaining to LGS.

Early in 2009 it was determined the cost of running retreats and our inability to find clients to use the facility anywhere near capacity has made LGS a liability. Our expenses are greater than our income. As of September 1, 2009, the main facility of Life Giving Spring was closed for retreats and only necessary utilities and basic upkeep are maintained presently. LGS has listed for sale for two years. We have had several interested parties express interest in buying the facility. However, there have been some issues connected with zoning that have been deal breakers. The board has hired a lawyer who is experienced in zoning matters. And, it is our hope to find a qualified buyer and close this coming year.

The present board is made up of:

Bishop Benjamin

Archpriest Ian MacKinnon

Peter Schwalbenberg

Kathryn Short

James Monoyudis

Johann Morse

We are currently asking \$1,450,000. In addition to zoning issues, the uniqueness of the building and the current real estate slump in Nevada have not helped us. We remain hopeful.

9:29 PM  
08/27/09  
Cash Basis

**Life-Giving Spring Retreat Center**  
**Summary Balance Sheet**  
As of August 27, 2009

	<u>Aug 27, 09</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	1,320.30
Accounts Receivable	-500.50
Other Current Assets	-970.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>-150.20</u>
Fixed Assets	861,735.04
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>861,584.84</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	279,628.17
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>279,628.17</u>
Long Term Liabilities	632,040.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>911,668.17</u>
Equity	-50,083.33
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>861,584.84</b></u>

A new treasurer took over total responsibility for Life-Giving Spring Retreat Center Finances on August 1, 2009.

Other Current Liabilities is the amount owed to The Diocese of the West and agrees with the August Statement provided by the Diocese.

Long Term Liabilities is the amount owed to The Russian Womens' Home of Mercy. An adjustment had to be made to the records of Life-Giving Spring in order to have the liability amount agree with the August 2009 statement provided by the Home of Mercy.

These reports are preliminary and may contain errors.



9:19 PM  
08/27/09  
Cash Basis

**Life-Giving Spring Retreat Center**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January through August 2009

	<u>Jan - Aug 09</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Retreat Contributions	22,789.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>22,789.50</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	22,789.50
<b>Expense</b>	
Total Expense	<u>48,668.02</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-25,878.52
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
Donations (Debt Reduction)	486.00
Donations (Recurring Pledges)	3,727.00
Div_Int Income	11.58
Refunds & Rebates	356.36
Rental Property Income	6,825.00
Reservation Deposit	500.00
Sale of Assets	500.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	12,405.94
<b>Other Expense</b>	
Selling Costs	4,340.00
Rental Property Expense	49.88
Settlement Fees	260.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>4,649.88</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>7,756.06</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-18,122.46</u></u>

Submitted by  
Mary L Caetta,  
Treasurer  
Life Giving Spring Retreat Center

**Martha and Mary House**  
**An Orthodox Christian Maternity Home**

1934 Fleetwood st. Escondido, CA 92029

P.O. Box 1680 Escondido, CA 92033

Phone; (760) 741-7050

**Report to the 2009 Diocesan Assembly**

**Your Grace, Reverend Fathers, Delegates:**

**Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!** We thank God for His mercy, allowing us to serve Him for another year in Martha and Mary House. **We are still the only Orthodox Christian Maternity Home in the United States.** God knows the need for Maternity Homes for women who need to hide a pregnancy and choose open adoption as an alternative to abortion!

**We in the Christian community must become more aware and acknowledge that the vast majority of abortions are taking place in our midst - not 'out there' (78 % in the 'religious' community according to Planned Parenthood). Our task is to reach out to those among us who are at risk for abortion to hide a pregnancy, however painful that reality is.**

This past year, with economic uncertainty deepening, combined with a lifting of legal restrictions - and push for abortion world wide, Planned Parenthood reports that the number of abortions is increasing significantly. **We need to pray, spread the word and work!**

**We receive calls and e-mails from women and men who have experienced abortions** and need to grieve and reconcile with their children who were put to death in the womb. Many are referred by their priest. We counsel over the phone, mail or e-mail, provide a grief and reconciliation workbook, and hold 12 step Abortion Survivor's Anonymous meetings at Martha and Mary House. **We thank God that as Orthodox Christians we know that our aborted children are among the martyred Saints, and we love them by remembering them.**

**We also continue to receive calls from Orthodox and other Christians who hope to start a maternity home.** We encourage and pray with them. So far no plans have materialized. **Orthodox Christians for Life** in Chicago plans to send one or two women to get 'hands on' experience, spending some time with us. We will welcome them.

**We still wait for a Housemother Assistant.** Metropolitan Jonah told Housemother not to worry, but to remember that Martha and Mary House is God's work, and He will send the Housemother assistant. Amazingly, Housemother is no longer worried! God knows. Our qualifications for an assistant are now simply: **"The woman who will answer God's call to live and serve Him here."**

As long as Housemother is the only resident 'worker' (we thank God for local Board members and volunteers!), our Board feels that we can only care for two girls at the time - (we have space for four). This year we housed six, and for a month there were three. A teenager and her mother were both pregnant planning to place for adoption. They were Jehovah's Witnesses and obedient to the House Rules, joined us in Orthodox prayer, but left before Christmas, before giving birth. The daughter loved baking Christmas cookies, but her mother felt we were heretics, and did not want her daughter exposed to celebrating the birth of Christ. We pray for them.

**Three babies were born, two on the same day, and placed in open adoption.** Our 'twins' were born in different hospitals - one in the morning, the other that night. Housemother was labor coach for both. One set of adoptive parents were here waiting - their son was born one

week late. The other adoptive parents -in Canada - were notified when their birth-mother was in labor - two weeks early! The adoptive Mom arrived the next day and stayed at Martha and Mary House with the baby till Dad arrived. We had photo-sessions with ‘the twins’ and adoptive parents. The ‘American’ baby is home with his Orthodox family in South Carolina.

Our third baby was born to ‘Bonnie’, who had stayed here and given birth 5 years ago. Little Matthias is home with his Orthodox adoptive family that includes two of his five siblings.

**Last year we submitted an application for a grant to the Farah Foundation** for our Scholarship Fund, started by a grant from the Saint Ignatius of Antioch Foundation. In December we were notified that we had been granted the full amount we had requested; \$10,000.! Glory to God. They had cautioned that with the uncertain economy they might not be able to give as much as they would like. Three of our ‘daughters’ are continuing their education. Maria at the University in Tijuana, Mexico, will graduate, earning her Bachelor’s Degree and licence as a family counselor at the end of this school year. She makes top grades!

In August Housemother and Board treasurer Sue Yingst visited Saint Barnabas Antiochian Orthodox Church in Costa Mesa, updating them about our work. They have supported us from the beginning, and furnished one of our bedrooms. We brought our latest newsletter and topping the wish-list was a new office computer to replace the old broken one. Before we left Saint Barnabas a young couple offered to provide a computer. Two weeks later it was installed by ‘Anna’ - our past Housemother Assistant who lives across the street, and her soft-ware engineer husband. Glory to God who provides what we need!

Volunteers from Saint Luke Antiochian Orthodox Church in Garden Grove helped plant our garden in December. A family from Saint Anne’s Anglican Church in Oceanside help maintain it. They plan to visit Saint John of Damascus! Pray for them. We are grateful for our own fresh produce. Castor bean plants keep the gophers away, but baby rabbits and rats continue to snatch some of our harvest! A good reminder of our fallen world!

In late October Housemother will represent Martha and Mary House at the **Orthodox Christian Laity Conference** held at the Antiochian Village in Pennsylvania, on **The Road to Unity - from Vision to Action: Orthodox Christianity in North America**. Metropolitan Jonah will be keynote speaker. As part of **FOCUS - Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United in Service**, Housemother will participate in a panel discussion. Please pray for the Conference and for Orthodox Unity in Service in North America. It works for us! Martha and Mary House, is an institution in the OCA, Diocese of the West, blessed with an inter-Orthodox Board of Directors headed by our Bishop Benjamin. We are funded by donations, from individuals and Churches from all Orthodox Jurisdictions and the Christian community. Glory to God who provides what we need!

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Elisabet Oftedal, Housemother.

9/1/2009

MARTHA & MARY HOUSE ACCOUNT BALANCES @ 07/31/09

As of 7/31/2009

Assets	Total
Bank and Cash Accounts	
California Bank & Trust Checking	19,907.75
Cash	79.99
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	19,987.74
Other Assets	
2005 Toyota Sienna	16,800.00
Total Other Assets	16,800.00
Total Assets	36,787.74
Net Worth	36,787.74

9/1/2009

MARTHA & MARY HOUSE INCOME VS EXPENSES SUMMARY

8/1/2008 Through 7/31/2009

Category	8/1/2008 - 7/31/2009	Total
<b>Income Categories</b>		
Donations	44,164.63	44,164.63
Investment Income	6.44	6.44
Other Income	1,578.26	1,578.26
Total Income Categories	45,749.33	45,749.33
<b>Expense Categories</b>		
Automobile	2,652.88	2,652.88
Bank Charges	62.50	62.50
Bills	27,911.23	27,911.23
Food	3,317.40	3,317.40
Healthcare	283.01	283.01
Household	3,243.62	3,243.62
Ministry Expense	2,586.93	2,586.93
Miscellaneous	350.00	350.00
Office Expense	735.14	735.14
Total Expense Categories	41,142.71	41,142.71
Grand Total	4,606.62	4,606.62

MARTHA & MARY HOUSE INCOME VS EXPENSES

8/1/2008 Through 7/31/2009

Sub-category	8/1/2008 - 7/31/2009	Total
<b>Income Categories</b>		
Donations		
Cash	44,009.63	44,009.63
Goods & Services	55.00	55.00
Ryanna	100.00	100.00
Total Donations	44,164.63	44,164.63
Investment Income		
Interest	6.44	6.44
Total Investment Income	6.44	6.44
Other Income		
Refunds/Rebates	13.26	13.26
Rent Paid	1,565.00	1,565.00
Total Other Income	1,578.26	1,578.26
Total Income Categories	45,749.33	45,749.33
<b>Expense Categories</b>		
Automobile		
Gasoline	727.45	727.45
Insurance for Van	900.00	900.00
License & Registration	169.00	169.00
Maintenance	856.43	856.43
Total Automobile	2,652.88	2,652.88
Bank Charges		
Checks	42.50	42.50
Service Charge	20.00	20.00
Total Bank Charges	62.50	62.50
Bills		
Cable/Satellite Television	718.96	718.96
Electricity	2,670.81	2,670.81
Garbage & Recycle	676.35	676.35
Rent	21,950.00	21,950.00
Telephone	1,025.03	1,025.03
Water & Sewer	870.08	870.08
Total Bills	27,911.23	27,911.23
Food		
Groceries	3,317.40	3,317.40
Total Food	3,317.40	3,317.40
Healthcare		
Physician	230.00	230.00
Prescriptions	53.01	53.01
Total Healthcare	283.01	283.01
Household		
Building Improvements	1,800.00	1,800.00
Maintenance	975.00	975.00
Supplies	52.73	52.73
Yard Service	415.89	415.89
Total Household	3,243.62	3,243.62
Ministry Expense		
Adpotion Related Expenses	35.55	35.55
Client Expense - Travel	97.45	97.45
Newsletter	1,291.48	1,291.48
Publications, Dues & Fee	902.37	902.37
Supplies	5.58	5.58
Travel Costs	254.50	254.50
Total Ministry Expense	2,586.93	2,586.93
Miscellaneous		
Miscellaneous - Unassigned	350.00	350.00
Total Miscellaneous	350.00	350.00
Office Expense		
Office Supplies	229.42	229.42
PO Box Rental	89.00	89.00
Postage	416.72	416.72
Total Office Expense	735.14	735.14
Total Expense Categories	41,142.71	41,142.71
Grand Total	4,606.62	4,606.62

9/1/2009

MARTHA & MARY HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP ACCT BALANCE @ 07/31/09

As of 7/31/2009

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bank and Cash Accounts	
M&M Scholarship Fund	4,518.65
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	4,518.65
Total Assets	4,518.65
Net Worth	4,518.65

9/1/2009

MARTHA & MARY HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

8/1/2008 Through 7/31/2009

<u>Sub-category</u>	<u>8/1/2008 - 7/31/2009</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income Categories</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Cash	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Donations	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income Categories	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Expense Categories</b>		
<b>Bank Charges</b>		
Service Charge	40.00	40.00
Total Bank Charges	40.00	40.00
<b>Education</b>		
Tuition	7,643.40	7,643.40
Total Education	7,643.40	7,643.40
<b>Ministry Expense</b>		
Travel Costs	404.00	404.00
Total Ministry Expense	404.00	404.00
Total Expense Categories	8,087.40	8,087.40
Grand Total	1,912.60	1,912.60

Christ is in our midst!

(1) This year Raphael House served **2358 individuals in our follow-up and residential programs.**

This breaks down to 747 adults and 1,611 children from 549 families. Of that total, 102 families were served in our residential shelter this year.

(2) At Raphael House we have an **Orthodox live-in volunteer program** that brings young adults from all over the country to serve here. In the past year we have enjoyed having the following interns with us:

Dan Andreson .....	Penn State graduate .....	OCA
Sarah Rogers .....	South Carolina.....	Antiochian Archdiocese
Jordan Zanetis .....	University of Tennessee graduate .....	Greek Archdiocese
Hannah Shaw.....	Olympia, WA .....	OCA
Tim Lindwall .....	Minnesota.....	OCA
Melissa Shippy .....	Wichita, KS.....	Antiochian Archdiocese
Zachary Landrum .....	Santa Barbara .....	OCA (baptized while here)
Marian Bradshaw .....	Lexington KY .....	OCA
Chelsea Tanous .....	Lexington KY .....	Presbyterian
John Koen .....	Indianapolis, IN.....	Bulgarian Archdiocese
Sarah Stover .....	Vashon Island	
Lucia Aiello .....	Portland .....	OCA
Asako Yamauchi .....	University of Connecticut graduate .....	OCA (baptized while here)
Derek Schmidt.....	St Tikhon's Seminary .....	OCA
Abigail Wright .....	St. Paisius Monastery, Safford AZ .....	Serbian
Elizabeth Daily .....	Ohio.....	OCA
Erin Bernard .....	Los Angeles.....	Antiochian
Ksenia Nemstov .....	Penn State graduate .....	OCA
Rachel Billings.....	Colorado Springs.....	OCA
OCF group (6 people) from Annapolis, MD		
Alternative Spring Break group from Grove City College, PA (mostly Antiochian)		

(3) I will be retiring from Raphael House in June 2010 after 24 years .I announced this to the Raphael House Board in 2007. They have done an extensive long range planning process, and have hired a nationally recognized search firm that specializes in non-profits and has experience working with faith-based organizations.

Within the Orthodox community we have looked extensively (albeit informally) to see who might be available and capable. While there certainly are such people, we did not come up with candidates who were both currently available and who have significantly greater experience than me ( the board wants a candidate who can take Raphael House to the next level) . Our national inquiry was mostly word of mouth through Bishops and Deans and not posted on the internet, primarily because the Raphael House board does not want to screen unknown candidates from afar. If we were to have put forward a candidate not currently living in the Bay Area, it would have had to have been someone already very well known to us.

(4) **Will the Orthodox Live-in community survive** after Elaine and I move out? The Orthodox community exists by virtue of occupying the space and doing a good job. If some day the live-in community is struggling at half strength, with needs going unmet in the shelter, then at that point the executive director has to look at other alternatives. The lay board of directors has no tools at its disposal to recreate an Orthodox Christian Community. Initially, however, we leave an Orthodox community that is thriving, with plenty of volunteers, and competent leadership.

Ralitza Doynova (translator of *Forgotten Medicine: The Mystery of Repentance*, Published by St. Xenia Skete Press, 1994) is our Live-in volunteer coordinator. Derek Schmidt will return to Raphael House as live-in Chaplain when he graduates from St Tikhon's in May, God willing. He and I worked together this past summer and we will overlap when he returns.

Pray for us!

Your brother in Christ,

Archpriest David Lowell



## MONASTERY OF ST. JOHN OF SHANGHAI AND SAN FRANCISCO

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### Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, 2009

Beloved in the Lord,

It is already more than a year since I arrived in Manton, and a very great deal has happened during that time.

Notably, the first event was the departure of our former Abbot, Fr Jonah, who at that time thought he was leaving us to become the auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of the South. Events proved otherwise, and everyone knows what happened after that. Naturally, the brotherhood feels more than a little proud that our former Abbot should have been elected to such a high office in the Church... even though pride is not one of the things that monks do best!

The Monastery continues to thrive. The buildings in Manton are now full to capacity. The new Church, dedicated to S. Sergius of Rodonezh and the Martyr Eugene, was built and consecrated, and another block of monks *kellia* (cells) is awaiting completion in the space behind the main building. That will allow us to put the 'upstairs' monks into the new block, which will mean we can use the space in the attic for our library, for icon- and sewing-workshops and classrooms. With that move completed (we hope to be able to house monks there from the beginning of November), we will turn our attention to the renovation of the new candle factory, the main kitchen (a huge and costly project), and the guest house.

One building, though small in size, already almost built, may turn out to be very significant. One of the monks has received a blessing to build a small hermitage for himself. This he will use, for at least part of the time, for a life of greater solitude than the main house affords. It is hoped that we may, in the future, develop a range of facilities like this to allow for a wide range of monastic experience. Although the main monastery building will likely be the mainstay of our life, there is plenty of room for more concentrated and secluded forms of asceticism.

Our brotherhood-in-residence today numbers seven stavrophore monks, seven rasophore monks, and five postulants. Those monks who do not live here include the Metropolitan himself, a monk studying at St Vladimir's Seminary, another in Santa Barbara, and one in Syria.

The monk in Syria is there for a year, to learn monasticism from a slightly different perspective, and to help extend our circle of friends among the monasteries of the world. I hope that we can enlarge such programs in the future, providing hospitality for monks from abroad as our own monks visit other monastic houses. In building up our own solid monastic identity, we should take careful note of how monasticism is lived in other Orthodox environments in other parts of the world.

With the influx of residents and visitors from Holland, Dutch is now the #3 language of the monastery (after English and Russian). Greek is quickly catching up, however.

We have a waiting list for new applicants, many of whom are busy earning enough money to pay off college debts before they are able to make monastic commitment.

With the blessing of the Holy Synod, we hope, in due course, to provide the necessary education for all (or almost all) monks to receive training to the level required for a deacon or priest. Since these monks would only ever exercise their ministry within the Monastery, we would prefer not to send them off to seminary, since such a move constitutes a great disturbance in their training.



This endeavor will involve concentrating some of our skills, but will ensure a steady stream of candidates since it is to be hoped that the Brotherhood will, in the future, provide all candidates for the priesthood and diaconate from within the Monastery. This will mark a substantial step towards maturity in our monastic life.

As we grow in numbers, so it becomes necessary to have a more effective infrastructure in place to give stability to our way of life. We have a whole-hearted desire to become fully self-supporting within about seven years, although we would be the first to admit that that will only come about through the support of our many, generous, supporters and friends. We will concentrate, for the time being, on expanding the candle-making business (possibly to include more commercial outlets than has been true hitherto), and expanding our internet bookstore. We would hope to become the finest source of monastic literature on the net... and that will require some effort. Happily, some of our latest monk-candidates have experience in both computers and business, so we remain very hopeful. Monks should not be competitive (it simply does not suit the monastic character), but they can and should be able to put an immense amount of energy and focus into creating a good product (i.e. something which the Church actually needs) in addition to providing for the sustenance and future of the brotherhood.

Our mortgage, still standing at \$750,000 will, I hope, be paid off over the next seven years. Apart from that we have no outstanding debt. Our financial situation is relatively stable, and people continue to be generous, even during difficult levels of financial crisis. Fiscal responsibility (i.e. a realization that we live off the kindness of others) is, I hope, a major part of our life. We have benefitted greatly in the last year from the generosity of two major donors.

As in previous years, we had a very successful “summer novice” program, in which young men are given the opportunity to live as novices for a limited period of time. This year we had nine, all of whom did very well. Also, visitors are almost always present in the Monastery, and they add a great deal to our life. The monthly retreat program is proving to be quite a success, and there are plans to expand this particular ministry in the future. We hope to have retreats for parish clergy, and for their wives, and also for their children. Individuals, parish councils, families, special interest groups and many others might well be able to take advantage of the sort of experience which a visit to our monastery entails.

Youth ministry, perhaps even along the lines of the monastery at Taizé in France, might become a part of our brotherhood’s future. We could, at the very least, provide a gathering place for a substantial meeting of the Orthodox Youth of America, even though such an event might take years of careful preparation. More will be revealed as appropriate.

As a monastery, we are blessed to have close ties with our bishops. We have received two visits in the last year from the Metropolitan, and our own Bishop Benjamin comes to see us whenever he can. Other episcopal, priestly and diaconal visitors are always most welcome, whether there is a specified reason for their visit or not.

The future of the Monastery is, and will remain, in the hands of God. We simply endeavor to share the blessings, which the monastic life provides, with the people of God.

I thank you for your prayerful support and friendship.

Respectfully submitted  
Archimandrite Meletios  
Abbot of the Monastery

The Monastery of St. John  
of Shanghai and San Francisco  
Orthodox Church in America



**Summary of Income & Expense July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009**

**Income**

**Total Ordinary Income** **\$471,328.90**

**Expense**

**Total Ordinary Expense** **421,648.36**

**Net Income** **\$49, 680.54**

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**Restricted Funds (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009)**

**Income:**

**Building Fund Donations** **\$84, 347.74**

**Special Projects Donations** **99,274.66**

**Distributions:**

**Building Fund Distributions** **115,944.68**

**Special Projects Distributions** **24,859.82**

**Restricted Balances as of 6/30/2009:**

**Building Fund** **\$3,746.23**

**Special Projects** **74,414.84**

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✠ PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ✠  
ORTHODOX MONASTERY

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Lake George, Colorado 80827

**2009 REPORT TO THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**

We give thanks to our gracious Lord and to His holy Mother for keeping this small monastery under her protection as we passed through our sixteenth year as a monastery in the Diocese of the West. Although our numbers have not grown, we continue our monastic lives in the ancient tradition of prayer and work. The daily “reader” services continue in our small chapel, visitors come – some for a few hours, others for overnight or a few days, and quite a few who have stayed for several weeks or more. We pray that all who enter through our doors find peace.

We have done a number of minor repairs and improvements to the facility this past year. The biggest project was to refurnish and paint the common room. The result is a very peaceful and warm environment. A local carpenter recently offered us his services at half his regular fee. He has been doing a number of repairs to our thirty-year-old deck as well as some cement work next to the chapel. New seamless gutters were installed on the entire building to replace the old and very leaky ones. Heat tape was added on the roof and down the gutters to assist with the snow melt. Progress has been made on the fence we are building around the property, but it is a very labor-intensive project and requires more time to complete. Our gardening efforts this year were truly blessed by God and our freezer is quite full with summer’s bounty.

The bookstore continues to grow quite extensively. We have expanded our publishing arm, “New Varatic Publishing” to include a children’s book, *The Tumbled Stone*, written and illustrated by Claire Brandenburg. This is the first title we have published which was *not* written or translated by a member of the sisterhood.

We continue to publish our own journal/newsletter, *The Veil*, three times each year. We receive very favorable comments on this project and would like to expand our mailing list. This is a project which has proven to be a source of support for the monastery. We are looking into the possibility of doing more of the actual printing “in-house”.

We traveled to speak at a few small retreats this past year. Of course, we are always willing to bring our bookstore to parishes upon request. If it be God’s will, we hope to spend more time writing and translating in the next year.

**Financial summary 8/1/08 - 7/31/09:** Income \$71,068.31. Expenses: \$69,119.48

Respectfully Submitted,

nun Cassiana

Orthodox Church in America Diocese of the West

# Protection of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Monastery

2343 County Rd 403, PO Box 416 719-748-3999

Lake George, CO 80827

**Income and Expenditures August 01, 2008 - July 31, 2009**

**Check book balance, 08/01/08**

**\$11,259.04**

## **Income 08/01/08 - 07/31/09:**

General Donations	\$24,041.50	
Special Donations (Mother Cassiana NJ trips)	1765.00	
Retreats and parish visits	1938.75	
"Benefactors"	11,780.00	
Retreat travel reimbursement	339.90	
"The Veil"	12,923.00	
Prayer ropes	2119.25	
Icon Sales	428.95	
Gift Shop Sales	2425.54	
Sewing	331.00	
Visitors and overnight guests	2901.00	
Refunds/interest on checking account	<u>69.81</u>	
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>\$61,063.70</b>	<b>\$72,322.74</b>

## **Expenditures:**

Mortgage	14,420.15
Special Expense (Mother Cassiana NJ trips)	1725.89
Travel/auto	5330.11
Construction/Maintenance	6439.68
Retreat travel: gas, auto rental	364.12
Utilities and phone	2655.03
Groceries/household	4567.59
Chapel needs/chaplain	1351.04
Liability Insurance	392.00
Prayer Rope materials	24.97
Office and postage	1132.50
Nuns' needs (Clothing/medical/dental insurance/glasses)	7808.59
"The Veil"	3860.45
Alms	2456.38
Gift Shop items for resale	1866.17
Icon mounting materials/sewing	64.91
Library	457.29
Tax exempt status legalities and fees	106.00
Uncategorized expenses	<u>3769.89</u>
<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b>\$58,792.76</b>

**Check book balance, August 1, 2009**

**\$13,529.98**

**Outstanding debt:** Countrywide Home Loans (Main property/house) \$70,690.46

*unworthy nun Cassiana*

unworthy nun, Cassiana

## Protection of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Monastery

2343 County Road 403

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Lake George, CO 80808

### "New Varatic Publishing"

Income and Expenditures (Printing Account) August 01, 2008 - July 31, 2009

Pass book balance, 08/01/08		\$21,481.66
<b>Income 08/01/08 - 07/31/09:</b>		
<b>New Varatic Publications:</b>		
Prayer Book	2832.00	
Come, Follow Me	279.14	
Elder Cleopa of Sihastria	1220.99	
<b>Books by other publishers</b>	5182.20	
<b>Bank interest/postage payments</b>	<u>490.29</u>	
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>\$10,004.62</b>	<b>\$31,486.28</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
<b>New Varatic Publications</b>		
The Tumbled Stone (1/3 of printing cost)	4972.73	
<b>Books from other publishers</b>	5057.71	
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Display stand	20.00	
Postage/shipping	<u>276.25</u>	
<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b>\$10,326.69</b>	
<b><u>Pass Book Balance, August 1, 2009</u></b>		<b><u>\$21,159.59</u></b>

*There are no outstanding bills for the bookstore – all stock is paid.*

Your Grace's Obedient Daughter in Christ,

*unworthy nun Cassiana*

the unworthy nun, Cassiana



Our Lady of Kazan Skete

2735 Victoria Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

August 31, 2009

Your Grace, dear Master, bless.

By God's mercy there are seven resident members, one non-resident, and a resident aspirant. In the past year again there were uncountable blessings to be grateful for. We thank Your Grace and all the Diocese for your continued most generous support, care, and love, expressed in so many ways. The ongoing renovation of monastery structures continued, including an upgrade of the well-water filtration system, the replacement of a fence, a heater, and a poorly functioning sump arrangement, some exterior painting and repairs, and a bathroom remodel. There would be some similar projects to undertake in the coming year, if God wills.

Summary financial report for August 1, 2008, to July 31, 2009:

Income:           \$179,447.12

Expenses:         176,261.95

Again we ask for the continuation of the much-needed prayers of Your Grace and of the very reverend and reverend clergy and faithful of the Diocese, and for Your Grace's archpastoral blessing.

Respectfully submitted with love in Christ,

*Abbe Susanna*

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 8/1/2008 - 7/31/2009

The monastery is growing rather rapidly. Currently we number seven stavrophor nuns, four novices, and two postulants. At least two more women have arranged to join our community during the coming year, but we expect that more will actually come. We also have three lay women living with us at present, who are considering joining our monastic family.

With space for only five in our main house, as has been the case since we moved to this location four years ago, the remaining members of our community all live in RVs and trailers. Our guest accommodations likewise consist of RVs and trailers. Recognizing that we will not be able to build our proposed residential wing in the immediate future, we have ordered up five more RVs (which we get at no cost from Cars4Causes). This arrangement is technically illegal, but we see no alternative. Meanwhile, County officials have kindly turned a blind eye.

Architectural plans for a new chapel, which is being financed by our Diocese, are currently with the County of Ventura Planning Dept. awaiting approval and permitting. We have great hope that we will be able to break ground this coming winter, but this depends largely on the speed with which the County processes our application. We are immensely grateful to His Grace, Bishop BENJAMIN, and the Diocese of the West for granting us the wherewithal to build a proper house of worship large enough to accommodate our growing numbers easily.

Our work of offering hospitality to pilgrims and visitors and giving retreats and talks continues. Attendance at the monthly gatherings of The Friends of St. Barbara Monastery has increased and often reaches one hundred and twenty persons or so. Our other routine activities—both income-producing and non-income-producing—have likewise expanded somewhat with the reception of the new novices. Several sisters are significantly involved with programs to feed the homeless in Santa Paula and in Goleta, where the monastery was formerly located. Our relationship with the St. John of Damascus Academy in Goleta likewise remains an important part of our life. And our small bookstore, which turned a profit for the first time this year, has added a number of new items to its offerings and has gone online. We now sell a line of herbal tinctures (made by our Mother Nina) as well as local honey, decorated candles, and icons mounted on river rocks. In addition, two new booklets for children by our Mother Melania were published this past year by Conciliar Press. More information about all these things is available at our new website, [stbarbaramonastery.org](http://stbarbaramonastery.org).

Despite our efforts to earn our own living, our general financial situation remains as precarious as ever. Fortunately, The Friends of St. Barbara Monastery continue to be our safety net. This past summer, a fund-raising committee from among the Friends was formed. Their plan to increase the number of members of the Friends is expected to commence this Fall. Truly, were it not for the initiatives, care, and hands-on help provided by this group of benefactors, there would be no St. Barbara Monastery! We give continual thanks to God for them.

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary Financial Report

7/31/08 – 8/1/09

Balance Forward	\$ 7,476.38
Total Income	<u>213,080.16</u>
	\$220,556.54
Total Expenses	<u>207,720.10</u>
Final Balance	\$ 12,836.44

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### **Report to the 2009 Diocesan Assembly**

In 2008, we continued working to try and complete our two-story building which will house the future monastic community here. In October, we were reunited with the Diocese of the West. A review of our undertakings to date was made by a committee headed by His Grace Bishop Benjamin.

Since 2009, we have continued our daily services and commitment to our community. With funding as difficult as it is, we will carry on our daily services and community obligations, finishing the construction when we can. We are looking forward to serving our Diocese of the West.

**DIOCESAN PARISH GROWTH OVER FIVE YEARS**  
 Statistics from reported FAIR SHARE membership provided by Mary L. Caetta

Location	9/1/2004	9/1/2005	9/1/2006	9/1/2007	9/1/2008	% Growth Since 2004
Diocesan Membership	2603	2483	2529	2511	2488	-3%

**MISSION DEANERY PARISHES**

Location	9/1/2004	9/1/2005	9/1/2006	9/1/2007	9/1/2008	% Growth Since 2004
Ashland, OR	17	17	17	17	20	18%
Bend, OR	-	-	0	8	0	-
Billings, MT	60	55	60	58	58	-3%
Bozeman, MT	22	22	23	25	26	18%
Chico, CA	21	15	13	12	20	-5%
Eureka, CA	18	20	14	10	15	-17%
Fremont, CA	33	35	36	38	38	15%
Helena, MT	10	9	7	6	7	-30%
Hesperia, CA	0	0	0	10	15	-
Kelso, WA					0	-
Kirkland, WA	21	28	25	32	34	62%
Kona, HI	-	10	0	12	16	-
Lake Havasu City, AZ	20	18	18	25	25	25%
Merced, CA	27	27	25	20	20	-26%
Milwaukie, OR	97	97	94	90	109	12%
Palms, CA	35	15	10	14	16	-54%
Port Townsend, WA	22	31	34	37	34	55%
Poulsbo, WA	31	30	30	35	35	13%
Redding, CA					11	-
Sonora, CA	18	18	18	16	19	6%
Tempe, AZ	-	0	0	18	20	-
Vancouver, WA	46	44	46	31	33	-28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>15%</b>

### PACIFIC CENTRAL DEANERY

Location	9/1/2004	9/1/2005	9/1/2006	9/1/2007	9/1/2008	% Growth Since 2004
Concord, CA	39	39	37	35	34	-13%
Livermore, CA	21	16	32	35	27	29%
Sacramento, CA	72	70	68	60	75	4%
San Anselmo, CA	76	73	73	73	70	-8%
San Francisco, CA	53	54	56	56	65	23%
Santa Rosa, CA	103	102	112	115	109	6%
Saratoga, CA	47	55	54	53	40	-15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>2%</b>

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST DEANERY

Location	9/1/2004	9/1/2005	9/1/2006	9/1/2007	9/1/2008	% Growth Since 2004
Corvallis, OR	32	37	46	50	50	56%
Portland, OR	120	112	112	95	110	-8%
Seattle, WA	112	112	116	107	80	-11%
Tacoma, WA	90	81	81	79	100	-11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>-4%</b>

### PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DEANERY

Location	9/1/2004	9/1/2005	9/1/2006	9/1/2007	9/1/2008	% Growth Since 2004
Las Vegas, NV	185	200	230	235	245	32%
Los Angeles, CA	155	150	150	137	75	-52%
Oxnard, CA	38	34	31	33	33	-13%
Phoenix, AZ	85	45	54	52	52	-39%
Poway, CA	80	100	98	92	90	13%
Santa Maria, CA	38	38	33	33	33	-13%
Tarzana, CA	84	65	65	54	38	-55%
<b>Total</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>-15%</b>

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEANERY

Location	9/1/2004	9/1/2005	9/1/2006	9/1/2007	9/1/2008	% Growth Since 2004
Calhan, CO	63	57	69	54	61	-3%
Colorado Springs, CO	72	80	80	80	90	25%
Delta, CO	38	38	40	40	40	5%
Denver, CO	80	78	84	84	84	5%
Littleton, CO	70	75	56	51	55	-21%
Pueblo, CO	24	29	30	32	32	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>4%</b>

### SAN FRANCISCO RUSSIAN MISSIONARY DEANERY

Location	9/1/2004	9/1/2005	9/1/2006	9/1/2007	9/1/2008	% Growth Since 2004
Berkeley, CA	60	47	59	59	54	-10%
Bryte, CA	43	38	31	31	52	16%
Menlo Park, CA	45	43	33	41	38	-40%
San Diego, CA	63	31	42	55	51	-29%
San Francisco, CA	72	49	51	38	3	
Santa Barbara, CA	-	-	3	3	31	-28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>-19%</b>

## PARISH DPA ASSESSMENTS AND PARISH FINANCIAL LIFE REPORTS

The reports are presented on the following two pages. The concept of “Parish Financial Life” is that of Archpriest Michael Regan.

Parish DPA Assessments and Financial Life

Parish	Members Assessed for Fair Share	Annual DPA	Financial Life 100/9* Annual DPA	Per Capita Financial Life
St. Gabriel, Archangel Mission	20	\$496.82	\$5,520.19	\$276.01
Mission Station	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
St. Nicholas of South Canaan Church	58	\$6,871.11	\$76,345.68	\$1,316.30
St. Anthony Mission	26	\$3,351.61	\$37,240.13	\$1,432.31
SS Cyril and Methodius Mission	20	\$1,267.85	\$14,087.23	\$704.36
St. Innocent Mission	15	\$4,552.11	\$50,578.95	\$3,371.93
Fremont Mission	38	\$4,848.27	\$53,869.62	\$1,417.62
Helena Mission **	0	N/A	\$0.00	
St. George the Great Martyr Church	15	\$2,207.52	\$24,528.05	\$1,635.20
Kelso Mission	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
St. Katherine Mission	34	\$6,026.95	\$66,966.13	\$1,969.59
Kona Mission	16	\$986.06	\$10,956.25	\$684.77
St. Peter the Aleut Mission	25	\$3,292.23	\$36,580.31	\$1,463.21
St. Mary Magdalen Mission	20	\$5,034.56	\$55,939.50	\$2,796.98
Church of the Annunciation	109	\$18,742.96	\$208,255.14	\$1,910.60
Mission of "Joy of All Who Sorrow"	16	\$2,973.61	\$33,040.08	\$2,065.00
Mission of St. Herman of Alaska	34	\$2,855.12	\$31,723.51	\$933.04
St. Elizabeth Mission	35	\$5,749.85	\$63,887.24	\$1,825.35
Mission Station	11	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Sonora Mission Community	19	\$2,425.50	\$26,949.96	\$1,418.42
Mission Station	20	\$1,894.07	\$21,045.26	\$1,052.26
Holy Apostles Mission	33	\$4,175.41	\$46,393.41	\$1,405.86
<b>Mission Deanery</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>\$77,751.59</b>		
St. Anne Mission	50	\$7,701.88	\$85,576.43	\$1,711.53
St. Nicholas Church	110	\$12,417.98	\$137,977.60	\$1,254.34
Holy Trinity-Holy Resurrection Church	80	\$9,136.53	\$101,516.99	\$1,268.96
St. Spiridon Cathedral	100	\$16,906.66	\$187,851.80	\$1,878.52
<b>Pacific Northwest Deanery</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>\$46,163.05</b>		
St. Paul the Apostle Church	245	\$7,796.66	\$86,629.60	\$353.59
Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral	75	\$19,592.07	\$217,689.69	\$2,902.53
St. Herman Church	33	\$4,269.21	\$47,435.66	\$1,437.44
SS Peter and Paul Church	52	\$9,451.58	\$105,017.54	\$2,019.57
St. John of Damascus Church	90	\$10,680.88	\$118,676.41	\$1,318.63
Annunciation Mission	33	\$6,470.04	\$71,889.36	\$2,178.47
St. Innocent Church	38	\$9,552.43	\$106,138.09	\$2,793.11
<b>Pacific Southwest Deanery</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>\$67,812.87</b>		
St. Michael the Archangel Church	34	\$7,693.66	\$85,485.14	\$2,514.27
St. Innocent Orthodox Church	27	\$7,184.45	\$79,827.17	\$2,956.56
Elevation of the Holy Cross Church	75	\$9,836.23	\$109,291.48	\$1,457.22
St. Nicholas Church	70	\$9,517.56	\$105,750.70	\$1,510.72
Holy Trinity Cathedral	65	\$11,785.52	\$130,950.24	\$2,014.62
Protection of the Holy Virgin Church	109	\$12,934.47	\$143,716.37	\$1,318.50
St. Nicholas Church	40	\$7,072.57	\$78,584.06	\$1,964.60
<b>Pacific Central Deanery</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>\$66,024.46</b>		
St. Mary (Holy Dormition) Church	61	\$7,319.96	\$81,332.91	\$1,333.33
SS Constantine and Helen Church	90	\$11,087.98	\$123,199.82	\$1,368.89
St. Andrew the Apostle Church	40	\$5,564.50	\$61,827.74	\$1,545.69
Transfiguration of Christ Cathedral	84	\$9,155.70	\$101,730.00	\$1,211.07
St. Herman of Alaska Church	55	\$8,836.68	\$98,185.35	\$1,785.19
St. Michael Church	32	\$3,248.38	\$36,093.06	\$1,127.91
<b>Rocky Mountain Deanery</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>\$45,213.20</b>		
St. John the Baptist Church	54	\$6,885.11	\$76,501.24	\$1,416.69
Nativity of the Holy Virgin Church	48	\$2,267.21	\$25,191.21	\$524.82
Christ the Savior Orthodox Church	51	\$9,499.01	\$105,544.54	\$2,069.50
St. Nicholas Church	38	\$5,458.39	\$60,648.75	\$1,596.02
St. Vladimir Orthodox Church	3	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holy Myrrhbearing Women Church	31	\$2,061.13	\$22,901.46	\$738.76
<b>San Francisco Russian Missionary Deanery</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>\$26,170.85</b>		
<b>COLUMN TOTALS</b>	<b>2477</b>	<b>\$329,136.02</b>		

Parish Per Capita Financial Life  
Based on Annual DPA and 2008 Fair Share Members  
Sorted Best to Worst

<b>City/State</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Per Capita Financial Life</b>
Eureka, CA	St. Innocent Mission	\$3,371.93
Livermore, CA	St. Innocent Orthodox Church	\$2,956.56
Los Angeles, CA	Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral	\$2,902.53
Merced, CA	St. Mary Magdalen Mission	\$2,796.98
Tarzana, CA	St. Innocent Church	\$2,793.11
Concord, CA	St. Michael the Archangel Church	\$2,514.27
Santa Maria, CA	Annunciation Mission	\$2,178.47
San Francisco, CA	Christ the Savior Orthodox Church	\$2,069.50
Palms, CA	Mission of "Joy of All Who Sorrow"	\$2,065.00
Phoenix, AZ	SS Peter and Paul Church	\$2,019.57
San Francisco, CA	Holy Trinity Cathedral	\$2,014.62
Kirkland, WA	St. Katherine Mission	\$1,969.59
Saratoga, CA	St. Nicholas Church	\$1,964.60
Milwaukie, OR	Church of the Annunciation	\$1,910.60
Seattle, WA	St. Spiridon Cathedral	\$1,878.52
Poulsbo, WA	St. Elizabeth Mission	\$1,825.35
Littleton, CO	St. Herman of Alaska Church	\$1,785.19
Corvallis, OR	St. Anne Mission	\$1,711.53
Hesperia, CA	St. George the Great Martyr Church	\$1,635.20
San Diego, CA	St. Nicholas Church	\$1,596.02
Delta, CO	St. Andrew the Apostle Church	\$1,545.69
San Anselmo, CA	St. Nicholas Church	\$1,510.72
Lake Havasu, AZ	St. Peter the Aleut Mission	\$1,463.21
Sacramento, CA	Elevation of the Holy Cross Church	\$1,457.22
Oxnard, CA	St. Herman Church	\$1,437.44
Bozeman, MT	St. Anthony Mission	\$1,432.31
Sonora, CA	Sonora Mission Community	\$1,418.42
Fremont, CA	Fremont Mission	\$1,417.62
Berkeley, CA	St. John the Baptist Church	\$1,416.69
Vancouver, WA	Holy Apostles Mission	\$1,405.86
Colorado Springs, CO	SS Constantine and Helen Church	\$1,368.89
Calhan, CO	St. Mary (Holy Dormition) Church	\$1,333.33
Poway, CA	St. John of Damascus Church	\$1,318.63
Santa Rosa, CA	Protection of the Holy Virgin Church	\$1,318.50
Billings, MT	St. Nicholas of South Canaan Church	\$1,316.30
Puyallup, WA	Holy Trinity-Holy Resurrection Church	\$1,268.96
Portland, OR	St. Nicholas Church	\$1,254.34
Denver, CO	Transfiguration of Christ Cathedral	\$1,211.07
Pueblo, CO	St. Michael Church	\$1,127.91
Tempe, AZ	Mission Station	\$1,052.26
Port Townsend, WA	Mission of St. Herman of Alaska	\$933.04
West Sacramento, CA	Holy Myrhhbearing Women Church	\$738.76
Chico, CA	SS Cyril and Methodius Mission	\$704.36
Kona, HI	Kona Mission	\$684.77
Menlo Park, CA	Nativity of the Holy Virgin Church	\$524.82
Las Vegas, NV	St. Paul the Apostle Church	\$353.59
Ashland, OR	St. Gabriel, Archangel Mission	\$276.01