

Welcome to our Cathedral!

Our Cathedral is named in honor of the icon of the Mother of God "Joy of All Who Sorrow". The Cathedral's feast day is celebrated on November 6th. There are many auxiliary structures at the Cathedral that are vital to life of the parish. **Rector** - His Eminence **KYRILL**, Archbishop of San Francisco and Western America.

There are

three priests

who assist the Rector with the daily services (who should be approached for any issues of a spiritual nature):

Archpriest Peter Perekrestov - (415) 387-5164

Archpriest Sergei Kotar - (415) 751-4623

Archpriest Sergey Kiryukhin - (415) 577-4257 **Deacon & Subdeacon** who participate in the daily services:

Deacon George Chrebtow

Monk Anthony The following clergy are also assigned to the Cathedral:

Deacon Andrei Garine Hierodeacon Peter (Karakozoff) **Daily Services** (non-Feast day):

8:00AM - Divine Liturgy and at 6:00PM evening services: Vespers/Matins. On Feast Days the Divine Liturgy may begin later or there could be two liturgies. Also, during Great Lent, there are special services with varying schedules. All these services are indicated in the monthly schedule located here on our site or on a printout which can be obtained at the Candle Stand.

A

moleben or panihida

may be served by making prior arrangements with the priests.

According to Church rules,

confession

for faithful who wish to receive the Holy Gifts must be heard the night before they wish to commune. Typically, confession is conducted during the evening services.

For any needs

such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, visitation of the sick at home or at a hospital, molebens, panihidas, blessing of a house or car, etc., please contact the Cathedral Clergy directly.

The official

Parish newsletter "The Messenger";

is published once a month.

The operation of the Cathedral is administered through the

Parish Council

and responsibility of day-to-day operations falls on our

Cathedral Warden ("Starosta")

- Nick Buick. For any issues of an operational nature please refer to Mr. Buick. He can be contacted at

starosta@sfsobor.com

The

Parish Council

is selected at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish which is usually held in the spring. At this meeting, various other pertinent operational and financial issues of the Cathedral are decided. A Revisionary Commission audits all finances of the Cathedral.

All faithful who regularly attend the Cathedral are invited to

[become acting members of the Parish](#)

, which gives them the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish or to be selected for any of the positions on the Parish Council.

There are **two schools** that operate at the Cathedral:

Sts. Cyrill and Methodius Russian High School - A school for supplemental education, where the Law of God, Russian Grammar, Russian Literature, Russian Geography and other subjects are taught which give our students an opportunity to fully acquaint themselves with our Orthodox Faith and Russian Culture. Student graduate the High School at 16 years of age. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursday from 4:10PM to 6:00PM and on Saturdays from 9:00AM to 1:30PM. Office Telephone Number: (415) 752-5122.

Saint John of SF Orthodox Academy - a school with an English language curriculum in which special attention is applied in the overall education of the student. In addition to the full academic courses as prescribed by American schools, the Law of God is taught and the school calendar follows the Church calendar. Classes are held from Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 3:30PM. Office Telephone: (415) 221-3484.

Cathedral has a bookstore

. In our bookstore, not only can you purchase books of spiritual content, but also children's books, crosses, incense, icons and other items associated with our spiritual life. The bookstore is located on the corner of 26th Avenue and Geary Blvd. Bookstore hours are Monday through Friday: 10:30AM -6:00PM, Saturdays: from 10:30AM - 3:00PM and on Sundays and Feastdays for 1 hour upon completion of each of the Divine Liturgies. In the narthex of the Cathedral (near the Candle Stand) there is a kiosk where you can purchase essential items. Holy Virgin Cathedral Bookstore Telephone: (415) 668-5218.

Website for online purchases: <http://www.hvcbookstore.com>

On Feast days our services are especially adorned with beautiful singing. The Director of the **Archbishop's Choir**

is Vladimir V. Krassovsky (650) 355-6917. Singing rehearsal of the Archbishop's Choir is held on Tuesday nights (except during the Summer season). The Sts. Cyrill and Methodius Choir

sings regularly on the early Sunday Liturgies. The St. John Men's Chorale sings Saturday night Vigil once a month and other services. All those wishing to sing to the Glory of God are invited to help our choirs.

The

Sisterhood

of our Cathedral strives in adorning the church, feeding of the numerous visitors on Feast days and in the collection of funds for the Cathedral.