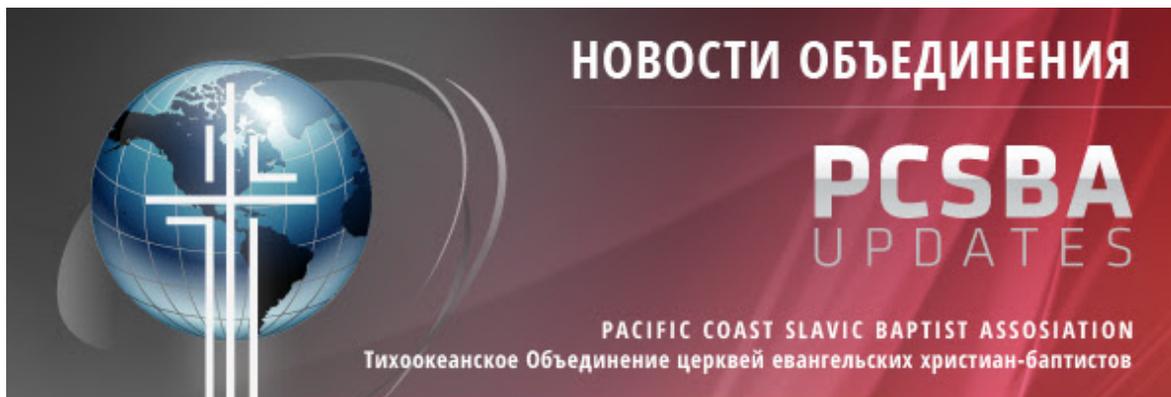


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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - 2023

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we celebrate these wonderful holidays, may our minds be focused on Jesus Christ! “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” – exclaimed Apostle Paul in 2 Cor. 9:15! Read [the Association’s President’s greeting at this link](#). The schedule of the New Year’s [week of prayer can be downloaded here](#).



PRE-HOLIDAY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION’S DEPARTMENT LEADERS

On December 8, the Association’s executive committee and department leaders met at the Association’s office. This was an informal fellowship and a time to meet and greet each other, since the committee’s team went through changes at the 85th convention. [More details can be found in an article by I. Mileyev \(in Russian only\).](#)



CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND CONCERTS

As we enter the Christmas season, many churches had Christmas concerts and interesting Christmas story demonstrations. Some of them can be seen on the churches' YouTube channels:

- ["Hope of the World"](#) – Christmas concert at Bryte Church, West Sacramento, CA
- ["Destiny,_"](#) play at the Revival Church in Vancouver, WA
- Christmas concert [in Russian](#) | [in English](#) at the Spring of Life Church in SE Mukilteo, WA
- ["Pure Heart,_"](#) play at First Slavic Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA
- ["His Story,_"](#) play at the House of the Gospel Church, Fresno, CA
- ["Christmas festival,_"](#) Second Slavic Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA
- [Christmas concert of the music symphony](#) led by E. Zhilovskiy, Rockland Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA

BETHLEHEM VILLAGE AT BRYTE CHURCH

This is unheard of in the Slavic churches! Over 12,000 people came to the "Bethlehem Village" at Bryte Church. There was so much going on in this village! Over forty stations, including a prayer station, Bible and Gospel tracts distribution station, and much more. Over 800 volunteers were dedicated to preparing and serving at this event. Their main goal was to unite the church members and to share the story of Christmas with unbelievers. [More details...](#)



High Priests, priests, prophets, and other pastors at the Bethlehem Village

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS—NARNIA

On December 15, Cornerstone Faith Church in Sacramento organized a unique event for immigrants. This was a Christmas quest, inspired by the mystery and adventures of a book by C.S. Lewis that is recognized around the world. About 500 people were able to participate. [More details...](#)



Characters of an epic adventure

LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART

When did this light appear in our hearts, and how? Through faith and hope that came to the world on Christmas Day – this was the main theme of the message by Maria Gusenkova, who was the speaker at the women’s Christmas meeting at Living Stones Church on December 9. More about the meeting [can be found on the Association’s website \(in Russian only\).](#)



Maria Gusenkov, speaker at the Christmas dinner

TRUE JOY

A women's Christmas gathering with the theme of "True Joy in Trials" took place at Rockland Baptist Church on Saturday, December 2. The main speaker was Nicole Gorban from Fresno. At least fifty women from various churches of Sacramento were able to attend this joyful celebration. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

December is a special month for everyone around the world, but for Christians, it is especially significant because we are celebrating the coming of our Savior to

redeem sinful people from their sins. Every church celebrates this differently. Grace Family Church had a special women's Christmas event with their head pastor, D. Zhrebnekov, as a speaker. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



PREPARE HIM ROOM

At the time when Christ was born, there was no room for Him in the inn and He was born among the animals. But will He find room in our homes? This was the theme of the women's Christmas meeting at House of the Gospel Church in Fresno. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



ORDINATION AT REVIVAL BAPTIST CHURCH

On December 10, Revival Baptist Church, Vancouver, WA, ordained Anatoliy Popov and Pavel Nesmiyanov as pastors. The PCSBA's president, Ivan Mileyev, preached

a word of instruction, and together with pastor Mikhail Cherenkov and Peter Grubiyem, officiated the ordination ceremony. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



After the ordination

BOGDAN KIPKO – NEWEST MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



At the 85th Convention of the Pacific Coast's Association, the Executive Committee added a few new members. We are bringing to your attention an interview with one of them, pastor Bogdan Kipko. S. lotko, a member of the Information Ministry of PCSBA, was able to ask him some questions. [More details...](#)

FALL WOMEN'S MINISTRY DINNER

On Saturday, November 11, Bryte Church had a Fall Women's Ministry dinner for those who serve in helping widows and orphans, as well as those in the Moms in Prayer Ministry. The theme of the meeting was: "Joy that Brings Healing." About one hundred women were able to sit comfortably around beautifully decorated tables with a fall theme. The guests were from various churches of the PCSBA and other Unions as well. There were also women who just recently arrived to the U.S. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Women's ministry committee

SECOND BAPTISM AT GRACE AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH

One of the Sunday services in November, Grace Avenue Bible Church in Sacramento had their second baptism celebration of the year. The newly converted Christians wanted to be baptized so urgently that they couldn't wait for next summer. As a result, the church pastors decided to have one more baptism service in late fall. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Prayer for the newly baptized members

BAPTISM AT HONOLULU CHURCH

On Sunday, December 3, 2023, *Slavic Church of Honolulu* had a baptism service. Four new members were added to the church. This event was a cause for much celebration for the church family, especially for those who dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Baptism is a celebration for the entire church

INCLUSIVE CHRISTIAN “VESNICK” THEATER

For the first time in the history of the Slavic churches, the Christian “Vesnik” Theater was formed by children with special needs. More information about how it was organized, who serves in it, and who they serve, is covered by L. Vashchilina. She is the author, and the one who initiated this project. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



NEW ISSUE OF “GOD’S VINEYARD” MAGAZINE



The magazine editors are saying that the new issue will have a Christmas theme, which is focusing on the most precious gift that God has ever given to men – the birth of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ. [More can be found in an article by L. Pavlyuk \(in Russian only\).](#)

WOMEN’S CONFERENCE AT GOOD NEWS CHURCH

On November 23, over one hundred and thirty women from twenty various churches were able to attend a women’s conference at Good News Church in Tacoma, WA. The main speaker was Margarita Kolomiytsev,

who is a poet and author of Christian prose, articles, and stories. The women's conference covered three themes: "Life Without Mirrors," "Woman and Her Fulfilled Expectations," and "Women in the Internet World." [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



MISSIONARY NEWS

MINISTRY OF THE KOVBA FAMILY IN SPAIN

The life of a missionary is full of never-ending activities, of serving people practically every day, and sometimes even nights. Read [another update from Viktor and Tatyana Kovba about their ministry in Torre Vieja, Spain \(in Russian only\).](#)



NOVEMBER MINISTRY UPDATE OF THE ARSHULIK FAMILY IN BRAZIL

Lessons, preparation for baptism, home groups, church ministry – that is what is covered by Vitaliy and Irina Arshulik in another one of the ministry updates. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Youth gathering

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

WE ARE HELPING ONLY THOSE CHRISTIANS WHO ARE PERSECUTED

At the 85th Convention of the PCSBA which took place in October, Fedor Mogan presented the ministry of the Barnabas Fund. For some, this is something that they are familiar with; for others, they know very little about it or nothing at all. This fund has one purpose: to help the persecuted Christians around the world. [Watch a story about this ministry.](#) And if anyone would like to join this ministry, underneath the video there is information about how you may be able to do that. Another story of Fedor's miraculous healing can also be [accessed here](#). God is doing miracles even today!



IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL CHURCH

The members of the Theological society and the Consultation Council of Education of RU ECB came to some interesting conclusions. They were considering the issues that are impacted more and more by modern technology and the life of a Christian. Can the church be virtual? Is it a true one? Can it fulfill all the functions of the church? To find out more about their conclusions, [click this link \(in Russian only\)](#).



BEST BOOKS FOR UNDERSTANDING ISLAM AND WITNESSING TO MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

For many, the rapid numerical growth of Muslims in various countries of Europe, America, and Africa, is a cause for concern. Only a few Christians think that this should be treated as a God-given opportunity to preach the Gospel to the Muslims in the comfort of their own homes. But how can it be done? How are we to understand these people, and while bringing them the Gospel, not create barriers amongst each other? Christianity Today's portal published a book list which is recommended by five regional Christian researchers about how to understand and preach to Muslims. [Read more here](#).

**Christianity Today* [was founded by Billy Graham in 1956](#), and is still faithfully serving all Christian leaders and missionaries.

EIGHT THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE IF I WERE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH

Usually, people who are looking for a church typically visit the church website in hopes of finding the information that they are looking for. Chuck Lawless, a professor of evangelism and missions, writes about what usually interests seekers in an article which can be found here – click this link: [BaptistPress](#). The Russian version [can be found here](#).



EVENTS

MASTER CLASS FOR CHOIR DIRECTORS

Speaker: Peter Patz, Germany

Venue: Bryte Church, 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605, room 202 on the second floor.

Date and time: December 30 from 9:30 am to 12 noon.

Everyone is invited: choir directors, musicians, choristers, as well as directors of children's choirs - for them, there will be specific information on working with children and their voices.

For questions, contact Sergey Yanovsky: (916)595-3480, sergey2010@yahoo.com.

CONFERENCE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

On February 3, First Slavic Baptist Church will have a Sunday School teachers' conference.

Theme: "Evangelizing Children", which will cover the following issues:

- Personal conversations with the child about salvation
- How to be filled by the Holy Spirit
- How to understand Who the Holy Spirit is and why He came to earth
- How to teach prayer to children

Conference begins at 9:30 a.m.

Registration – [CLICK THIS LINK](#)

Registration cost: \$10.00

Church address: 7238 Cromwell Way, Sacramento, CA 95822

For questions, contact Zhanna Yanovskiy: (916) 798-5838, zhanna22@yahoo.com

EVANGELISM FOR CHILDREN



SUNDAY SCHOOL



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