

Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Western American
August 30, 2019 – Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, San Gabriel, CA

SKSS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Grace Bishop Maxim, Reverend Fathers, Assembly Delegates and Sisters in Christ:

This Annual Report of the SKSS is respectfully submitted to the Diocesan Assembly at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Saint Sava Church in San Gabriel, California.

The SKSS assisted with hosting the Second Annual Open House at the Bishop's Residence on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 for those in the southernmost part of California.

The 21st Annual Diocesan Kolo Srpskih Sestara Lenten Women's Retreat was held at the Saint Steven's Serbian Orthodox Church in Alhambra, California on Friday, March 23rd and Saturday, March 24, 2018. Participants included women from the Greek, Russian, and Serbian Orthodox Churches from nearby parishes and from parishes as far away as Phoenix, Arizona. Rev. Timothy Pavlatos was the guest speaker and spoke on *The Love of God The Father*, "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God, and such we are" (1 John 3:1). We also welcomed our Diocesan KSS spiritual advisor V. Rev. Predrag Bojovic who is the parish priest of the Saint Sava Church in San Gabriel, California.

I also wish to once again thank Saint Steven's for giving us the opportunity to prepare Sunday luncheons during the month of August to raise money for our ministries. Thank you also to all the members who help and support to make these luncheons such a success. These luncheons are our biggest fund raisers and enable us to make donations to the various churches, monasteries, and other worthy groups and projects.

Our SKSS Slava, The Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos, was held on Sunday, December 2, 2018, and hosted by the St. Sava Kolo Srpskih Sestara in Jackson, California. Our honorary Kuma was Protojakonica Danica Paul, President of the St. Petka KSS. It was a lovely feast day celebration enjoyed by all who participated.

During 2018 we made the following donations: The monthly stipend for the Bishop's Residence, St. Sava Camp in Jackson, Diocesan Days Platinum Sponsorship, and a Diocesan Days Full-page Greeting.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all my SKSS sisters who have helped make my job easier by always volunteering when needed. I am truly blessed and enjoy being able to work for His Grace, Bishop Maxim and the Diocese of Western America.

In Christ,

Laura Burge
SKSS President