

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

This Annual Report of the SKSS is respectfully submitted to the Diocesan Assembly at the Annual Meeting on September 3, 2022.

As we are all aware, the last few years have been difficult for all of us, but by God's Grace I think that is now behind us. We can all move forward and continue to do God's work.

We were able to celebrate our SKSS Slava, for the first time in a couple of years, The Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos, which was held at Saint Steven's Church in Alhambra, California on December 5, 2021. Our honorary was Kuma Protinica Radmila. The sisters served a beautiful lunch, and everyone rejoiced in being together again!

The Annual Lenten Women's Retreat was held on April 8 & 9, 2022 at the St. Steven's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Alhambra, California. There were 30 women in attendance. The guest speaker was Father Andrew Cuneo from an OCA parish in Encinitas, California. Our theme was "Tales from Mount Athos: Our Church is Alive" The retreat was fabulous! The sisters left with full hearts and were grateful for the fellowship together.

We were blessed to celebrate His Grace's Slava on Lazarus Saturday at the Cathedral. It was very nice to have Father Lazar and Protinica. A beautiful luncheon was prepared and served by the sisters. It was a beautiful day. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event run so smoothly.

On Friday August 18, the Feast of the Transfiguration, our board hosted a luncheon at the Cathedral. We a very special guest the Abbott of Hilandar Monastery, Metodije-Metodius.

The Diocesan SKSS also begin again to help with the cleaning and improvements needed at Bishop Maxim home. Unfortunately, we had to stop the monthly stipend because we have not received many of our KSS parish dues so are funds were limited.

I also wish to thank St. Steven's once again 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 helped and enabled these luncheons to be such a success. These luncheons are our biggest fund raisers enabling us to make donations to the various Churches, monasteries, and other worthy groups and projects.

During the year, we made the following donations:

St. Sava Mission \$2,500.00

Diocesan Days Greeting \$150.00

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

In Christ,

Laura Burge

SKSS President

This Annual Report of the SKSS is respectfully submitted to the Diocesan Assembly at the Annual Meeting Friday, September 3, 2022, at Saint Sava Mission, Jackson, California.