

# Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

## THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY VIRGIN

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WHEREAS, on this 21st day of September, two thousand and two, THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY VIRGIN Russian Orthodox Church celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of loyal and dedicated service to our community and the residents of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY VIRGIN was founded in Menlo Park by a group of Russian immigrants who settled in the United States from China and Europe in the early 1950's and the church has been a spiritual and cultural leader in the community for several generations of Orthodox Christian families; and

WHEREAS, THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY VIRGIN holds an annual Parish Christmas Bazaar on the first Saturday in December which has become a very popular celebration of the diverse cultures of the Bay Area, attracting many visitors with a large array of Russian foods, crafts and musical entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the parishioners of THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY VIRGIN have undertaken the renovation of the church with the purchase of new priest's robes, altar cross, an altar candle stand, a new Gospel, a Pascal Cross and a new altar icon; and

WHEREAS, THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY VIRGIN is observing its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the formation of a Jubilee Committee to organize a Hierarchical liturgy with the head of the Diocese, Bishop Tikhon, participation of other Diocesan clergy, publishing a commemoration booklet, holding a Jubilee dinner and other festival activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County extend their congratulations to THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY VIRGIN upon its milestone 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and best wishes for his continued dedication and service to the community.

DATED: September 21, 2002

SUPERVISORS:

  
JERRY HILL, PRESIDENT

  
MARK CHURCH

