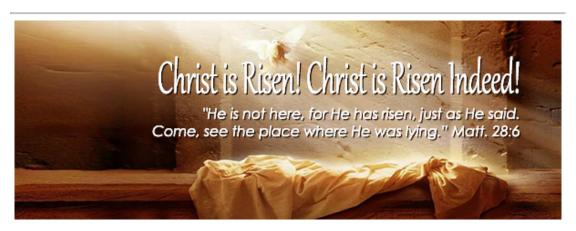
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NEWS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

CHRIST HAS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

The Association's president I. V. Mileyev greets everyone with the following Resurrection Sunday greeting:

Dear brothers and sisters!

I rejoice with you on the Resurrection Sunday! Christ has risen! He is risen indeed!

The angel at the tomb reminded the women with the words that Jesus Christ spoke to His disciples not long before His death: "the son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." (Luke 24:7-8). They forgot these words of their Teacher. The disciples of Christ not only need to listen, but also to



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"hear and remember" the words of their Teacher, then they will not be in a position of seeking "the living among the dead" (Luke 24:5).

There will be no place for doubts in our life because "faith comes from hearing, and

hearing by the word of Christ. (Rom. 10:17)

The news that "He is not here: He has risen" (Luke 24:6), becomes our celebration, worship and adoration of the Risen One!

May the words of the Risen One live in our hearts and may we remember Apostle Paul's advice to his co-laborer Timothy "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David" (2 Tim. 2:8--9). May this be the driving force of our lives! Have a blessed Resurrection Sunday! In Christ, Ivan Milevey

BRYTE CHURCH HAS A NEW SENIOR PASTOR



On **March 11**, 2018, *Russian Church of Bryte* had a very significant event. The head pastor Khakimov Pavel Mikhailovich expressed a desire to step down from being the head pastor. The new head pastor was chosen to be L. P. Kioroglo.

For more about the election and short biography of the new pastor, please <u>visit the Association's website - click here (in Russian only)</u>.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS

"Woman according to the Word of God"- was the theme of the prayer breakfast, which took place on February 24 at *Second Slavic Baptist Church* in Sacramento with Vera Orlova from St. Petersburg, Russia as the main speaker. About two hundred women gathered in the comfort of a family atmosphere to pray to God about their children, families, listen to the word of God, and pour out their hearts to each other. For more information about this meeting - read here (in Russian only).



Prayer breakfast at Second Slavic Baptist Church

This same day, February 24, was also a day of another meeting – the women's conference in Fresno. The theme of this conference was "The Time of Awakening Has Come". The attendees were not just from Fresno, but also from a few churches in Sacramento. For more information about the conference, please visit the Association's website and read an article by the head of the women's department N. Yurkov - click here (in Russian.)

ORDINATION AT THE WEST SACRAMENTO CHURCH

On **March 25**, *Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento* ordained Valeriy Dedov as a deacon. During the last two years, he was the church administrator and demonstrated himself as a dedicated servant. The church pastors I. A. Verstak, V. I. Gladkov, and Association's President I. V. Mileyev did the ordination.

CELEBRATION AT GRACE AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH

On Sunday, **March 18**, *Grace Avenue Bible Church* (*previously known* as *Third Slavic Church*) celebrated their 19th anniversary and ordination of Viktor Malischuk for pastoral ministry. I. V. Mileyev took part in the celebration and ordination where he also preached.

Read more about the celebration in an article by Irina Karkhut, which is published on the <u>Association's website - click here (in Russian)</u>.

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CHURCHES

The Association's President, I. V. Mileyev developed a training program for the Book of Philippians. To access the material, please visit the Association's website under the Resources section -- Church resources - click here (in Russian).

NEWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Institute of Ministry "Blagovest" continues its training session in the "B.A. in Church Ministry" program at various PCSBA's churches (Bryte Church: March 9-10, Castro Valley: March 17). AA program is taught at the *Cornerstone Church* twice a month, and Bryte church holds the training session in English. Oleg Korotkiy (Israel) taught "The Philosophy of Church Leadership" as a part of the Master's program on March 3 at Montebello church. A session also took place in Naples, Italy. Vladim Yurchak taught church history.



NEWS OF THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGIATE

The second meeting of the *Slavic Theological Collegiate* took place on **March 16**. The meeting was attended by 20 elders. The next meeting is planned for Friday, April 20. The meetings will take place in the PCSBA's office once a month.

THE ASSOCIATIO'S MEDIA GROUP INFORMATION

The Association's YouTube channel has some new material. There are resources of the seminars taught by I. V. Mileyev last month during the semiannual pastors meeting. You can view them here: <a href="Seminar 1: "What to Change and Why?" | Seminar 2: "Growth Criteria of the Local Church". The seminars recordings are in Russian only.

There are also two interviews: N. A. Bugriyev shares information about the funeral of Dr. Billy Graham, and of members of *First Slavic Church* who started information about a very necessary ministry. The recordings can be viewed here: "<u>Funeral of Dr. Billy Graham.</u>
<u>Interview with N. A. Bugriyev</u>" | "<u>Abortion?! Do not Rush! There Is an Alternative!</u>" All recordings are in Russian only.

FIRST WEEK OF APRIL: SPECIAL ATTENTION TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Department of Ministry to Children with Special Needs suggests making *the first* week of April to be a time for expressing special attention to families who have either children or adults with chronic handicap or a handicap they developed in their childhood. Read the full address of the head of the Department N. Smolikova to the Association's churches at the Association's website - click here.

WEEK OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH AT GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

Grace Family Church hosted an annual week of spiritual growth. This time the theme of the conference was "Christlikeness" and the speakers were Aleksandr Kalinskiy, who is a pastor in Ukraine, and Yaroslav Tegza, who used to be a Catholic priest, but is now an Evangelical Christian.

If you would like to test your faith and your actual beliefs, whether it is possible to be Christ-like while living in this sinful world, listen to the seminars' recordings, which could be found on YouTube. The links of the mentioned topics are published on the Association's website - click here (in Russian).



A comfortable ship called the "Body of Christ" (a Church) in which sailors enjoy safety and comfort, or a lifeboat, launched to save drowning people - what is your church like?

And which boat are each of us in today? What would you say after watching to this video?

We will answer in any case: now or in eternity.

<u>In English</u> | <u>In Russian</u> | <u>In Spanish</u>

MISSION TRAINING

April 7th will be a day of missionary training. The theme of this year will be "Forming a Team". The participants will be offered an opportunity to learn and discuss the joys and difficulties of working in a team. Date and time: April 7, 2018; from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Lunch included).

Location: *Slavic Baptist Church*, 1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento. Registration: \$10.00.

THE ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

<u>During the past month, the following programs</u> were aired on the association's radio - see list below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name. All programs are in Russian only.

- Pastoral advice before the Communion. A. Delkhman
- About youth conference in Russia. B. Kipko
- Association's Investment into the Churches. I. Mileyev
- 23rd Missionary Conference in Rovno. Part 1 | Part 2. I.Oselsky.
 Full interview recording in one file
- Presidential prayer breakfast. <u>Part 1 | Part 2.</u> N.Bugriyev
 <u>Full interview recording in one file</u>
- Pastoral advice before the Communion. I. Mileyev
- News

NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

35th CONVENTION OF THE RUSSIAN UNION OF ECB CHURCHES

On **March 21-23**, at the "Izmaylovo" Concert Hall in Moscow, there was the 35th convention of the *Russian Union of Churches of ECB*. The new leadership of the union was elected, as were the discussion and decision-making of various issues. Peter Valterovich Mitskevich was chosen to be the next chairman, and Viktor Vladimirovich Ignatenkov as his assistant.

For more information read an article by I. Mileyev which is published <u>on the Association's</u> <u>website - click here (in Russian)</u>.

EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- April 7th, the department of women's ministry will host a seminar: "Tools of Grace in the Hands of the Redeemer" (continuation). All women are invited. The seminar will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For registration, contact (510) 209-3298.
- April 12 17th, Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento will host an additional session of the first module of biblical counseling. All ministers are invited, as are brothers and sisters who are working with children, teens, and youth, parents who care about their families, and those who want to help people to follow Christ. Address: Slavic Baptist Church, 1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The seminar's cost including the textbook is \$70.00. For registration and more information, call (916) 812-1273 or (916) 833-5990, or email peychevarufina@gmail.com or sacramento.coramdeo@gmail.com.
- Precept Ministry invites everyone who would like to take part in the next session called "Covenant and Doctrines of the Bible". Dates of session: April 9-21. It will take place at 1425 Grace Ave, Sacramento, CA 95838. Schedule: Monday through Friday: 5:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. For questions, please call: (916) 247-6394 or email preceptmin.sac@gmail.com. Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/precept.sacramento
- April 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Rockland Church located at 5132 Elkhorn Blvd will host a conference for parents and caretakers with the theme of "Insightful Parents". The following seminars will be covered at the conference:
 - How to instill faith in God into your children
 - o Christian worldview and the dangers children from Christian families encounter
 - Problems with teens

Main speaker - Rob Rienow, who is the founder of the Visionary Family Ministry. Registration is \$10 and may be made online RocklandChurch.com or at the door. The same day from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting of youth with the involvement of Lissy Rienow, who is Rob's daughter and will cover the theme: "Teens and Youth: Life for Christ in the Age of Technology and Social media." Free registration.

• Please click on the poster below to see it in bigger size. In Russian only.



- April 28th will be the day of a spring conference for all who minister in the Sunday Schools. The theme of the conference: "Jonah of the 21st Century". Speaker: Th.D I. Leshuk. Conference will take place at House of the Gospel, 3941 E Mono Ave, Fresno, CA 93702. Registration is \$15 per person and includes food. Please RSVP how many people will be coming from your church by April 14th. For questions contact: (916) 802-4140 or (916) 335-6391. For more information about the conference visit the Association's website click here.
- Grace Family Church invites all girls ages 16 and older to participate in the retreat which will take place on April 27-29 in a beautiful Redwood forest in Northern California. The retreat speaker will be Yelena Gerhard and the retreat's theme will be "Seek Him" (Jer. 29:13). Registration cost is \$150.00. For registration and additional information, contact Tatyana Osipov at (916) 284-5780 or Christina Ivanov at (916) 628-4287. Transportation will be provided. Participants gathering and departure to the conference will be done from the Grace Family Church's parking lot. The church address is 7031 Watt Ave., North Highlands, CA 95660.
- On April 28th, Grace Avenue Bible Church will be hosting best-selling author Mark
 Mittelberg for an evening of worship, fellowship, and teaching. Mark will speak on the
 current shape of American culture and how Christians can share their faith in this
 difficult environment. The church address is 1425 Grace Avenue, Sacramento CA
 95838. Time: 5:30 p.m. Registration is required. Schedule of the conference is here.
- Alliance of Slavic Baptist Association of North America and Bible Mission Slavic invite all who are involved in audio, video, or web church ministry to participate in the first Slavic Media Forum that will take place on **April 20-22** at the Slavic Baptist Church, 1205 10th Ave. E, Shakopee, MN 55379. There will be lectures, seminars, and master

classes. For more information, please visit the forum's website at http://mediaforum.bmslavic.org or call Konstantin Andrievsky at (952) 270-6279.

• Events calendar of the Association:

Dates	Events
1-7	Week of special attention to people with special needs
7	 Prayer group for mothers and bible lessons for children with special needs (1716 Willow Ave West Sacramento, CA 95691) Mission Department - missionary training Women's Ministry - "Tools of Grace in the Hands of the Redeemer" seminar (Continuation). Department of Education - teaching session in Florida
8	Prison Ministry Department - meeting of the department
13	Meeting of the music committee of PCSBA
13-14	Department of Education - teaching session at Bryte
14	Fellowship of widows and orphans (1000 Sacramento Ave., W. Sacramento 95605)
21	Department of Education - teaching session at Castro Valley
27	Meeting of the Departments Leaders
28	 Sunday School Department - conference for all teachers and helpers of Sunday School Department of Education - teaching session at Montebello

PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for the well-being of our cities and our government
- **Pray** about our readiness to meet the Lord any day
- **Pray** for the revival of our hearts, so that we would burn with love for lost sinners, and start to preach the Gospel locally

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at pcsbaca@gmail.com.

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