

SLAVYANKA CHORUS PRESENTS

Songs of the Soul

SPIRITUAL VERSES OF THE 17TH-21ST CENTURY

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR IRINA SHACHNEVA

Date: 14 June, 2025

Venue: Church of the Redeemer

380 Magdalena Ave.
Los Altos Hills

Time: 7:00 pm

Date: 15 June, 2025

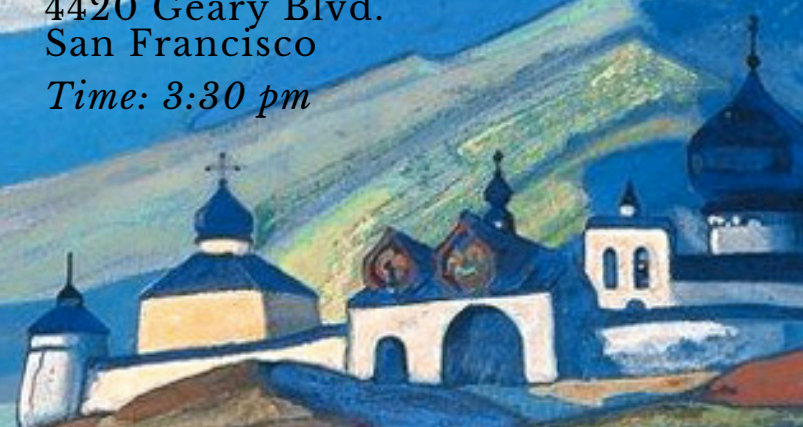
Venue: Star of the Sea Church

4420 Geary Blvd.
San Francisco

Time: 3:30 pm

TICKET RESERVATION:

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Join us on June 14th and 15th for an extraordinary musical journey into a world rarely heard in the West – a world where sacred music lived both inside and beyond the church's walls.

In centuries past, spiritual music in Russia was not confined to formal church services. Out beyond the walls of the church, it also flowed through monasteries, village gatherings, and daily life - monastic poems of ancient chant, spiritual chants of the late 17th - 21st centuries, folk poetry, songs of wandering lyre players or pilgrims, and much more. This was a spiritual music of ordinary people – songs on spiritual themes, or as the performers themselves said, simply "songs in the presence of God."

In the first half of our concert, we'll bring you these hidden treasures from the past – music that once echoed in candlelit monasteries and country fields centuries ago.

In the second half, the journey continues into the present day. You'll hear how that same spiritual spark lives on in more contemporary music, linking our spiritual longings to numberless generations before us. You'll even hear several pieces written especially for this concert by a Russian composer working closely with us.

This is music that transcends time, a celebration of spirit, longing, and the sacred beauty of the human voice.

Come and experience it with us!

ABOUT SLAVYANKA CHORUS:

For 45 years, Slavyanka Chorus has been bringing Russian and Slavic music to Bay Area audiences. The chorus has toured Russia four times, produced 10 recordings, and, under its Artistic Director, Irina Shachneva, performed the American premieres of multiple choral works. The choir has also undertaken numerous initiatives to promote cultural understanding between the peoples of Russia and America.



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