

# Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

Serbian Orthodox Church in Orange County

*Cordially Invites You  
To a Very Special Event*

# Gala Concert



*It Is Our Distinct Pleasure  
To Invite You To a Very Special*

# *Gala Concert*

*Sponsored by*

***The Nativity Most Holy Theotokos***  
*Serbian Orthodox Church in Orange County*

*On*

*Sunday, the Fourteenth of May  
Two thousand Seventeen*

St. Wilfrid of York Episcopal Church,  
Huntington Beach, CA

18631 Chapel Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Cocktails at five o'clock in the evening

Program at six thirty o'clock

With Special Guests

World renowned violinist **Stefan Milenkovic**

**Gorjana Zekic**, Pianist

**Choir Istochnik** and other Artists

Master of Ceremonies **Lolita Davidovich**

Guests from motion pictures, television  
and sports will be invited!

\$60.00 (\$30.00 Teens) Donation Per Person  
R.S.V.P. by May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

People who give \$500.00 or more for building Fund will get 2 free tickets for the concert and be recognized in the Borchure

A silent auction will be held at this event. Your donations of valuable items such as estate jewelry, fine art, decorative art, vacations and travel gifts will be appreciated. Your contributions will generously help to enhance the evening in addition to generating additional funds for the future building of our church. Please present auction items to us before May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

*“To the Glory of God, the parishioners  
of Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos  
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are committed to raising funds  
needed to build a religious and cultural center  
where all will be welcomed.”*

For additional information  
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## **One Million Dollar Fund Raising Matching Challenge**

*So the workmen wrought,  
and the work was perfected by them,  
and they set the house of God in his  
state and strengthened it.*

Chronicles 24:13



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# One Million Dollar Fund Raising Matching Challenge

His Excellency Mr. Milan Panic, the former prime minister of Yugoslavia, is challenging the stewards and supporters of our parish to raise **up to one million dollars**. He will match the funds we raise up to that generous amount which will allow us to grow much closer to achieving our greatest goal—to build a church, school and fellowship hall of our own. Reaching this goal, for which we have striven for many years, will allow us to better practice our strong Orthodox Christian principles while we serve both our faithful and the community as a whole.

Living and unshakable, our Faith teaches us that the earthly kingdom is temporal, and the heavenly eternal. Our Lord Jesus Christ guides us saying: “*What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet to forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in exchange for his soul?*” (Mark 8:36-37). Truly we cannot exchange anything greater for our



souls than to erect a temple in the name of God, a home of prayer for us, for our children, for future generations and for everyone seeking salvation.

We need your support now, more than ever. Surely we cannot let this most generous offer pass us by. St. Sava reminds us, *"Faith can save us only if united with and expressed in good works, inspired by the love of God."* Now is the time to express our love for God and our love for St. Sava who has guided us for all these years.

We are counting on you, each person who receives this letter, to come forward now with the most generous contribution you can make. Know that whatever you contribute will be doubled and that by working together, each putting forth his/her very best effort, we can, indeed, meet that **One Million Dollar Goal**. Think of the various Orthodox Christians among them our ancestors who came to this country and brought with them our beautiful Orthodox Christian Faith as far back as the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. They had little or no education, no knowledge of the English language, and certainly no money. Yet, through their faith in God, and incredibly hard work, they were able to raise funds, build beautiful churches as a gift to God, and gift to this country, and establish the Orthodox religion and traditions in their new country of America. In tribute to them and in anticipation of the generations that will follow us, we need to fully hear the words of Jesus Christ and St. Sava, and wholeheartedly support our church.

To further our efforts, Mr. Panic and Milena Kitic invite all donors of \$500 or more to a fundraising dinner on Saturday, May 13, at 1050 Arden Rd. in Pasadena. Cocktails will be served at five o'clock and dinner at six o'clock. Following dinner, attendees will enjoy top-quality entertainment including performances by mezzo-soprano Milena Kitic, violinist Stefan Milenkovic and pianist Kosta Popovic.

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Yes, I would like to attend the **Gala Concert** on Sunday, May 14, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Please print -

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults (\$60.00 each before May 10<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Teens (\$30.00 each before May 10<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After May 10<sup>th</sup> the price will be increased \$10.00 per ticket.

Children 10 and under free

I regret that I cannot attend. Enclosed is my contribution to this important cause \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your tax deductible checks payable to:

**Most Holy Theotokos Church**

Please mail in the enclosed envelope

*Return Card*

Please select one of the following ways to donate:

- A one time gift
- A pledge which is made over a specific period of time. (Pledges will be matched when they are fulfilled.)

I wish to make a one-time donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I wish to make a monthly pledge in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I intend to send that amount each month for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of months.

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Thank you very much for giving your support. May God bless you and grant you many years!

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City \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



One Million Dollar  
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