

50 YEAR FOUNDING MEMBERS SSS ST. GEORGE DULUTH

We, SSS St. George, wish to honor the achievements of our 50 year founding members. At the Serbian Singing Federation Festival in Milwaukee held in May of 2007, they received their 50 years of membership recognition gold pin. Before the 1957 induction, all five fifty year members, along with others, sang responses during the Divine Liturgy at St. George.



Mary Lawrence

Mary has held the offices of vice president and president of our choir as well as participating in Divine Liturgy with the choir every Sunday. Mary has also been an active member of the Serbian Sister's Circle St. George for many years.

As a community leader, she has held many offices, including president, of the West Duluth American Legion Auxiliary. She also served as president of the Eighth District American Legion Auxiliary. Her volunteer work in many other community sponsored activities is admirable.

Mary's career includes the Management of the Library Restaurant, from which she has retired.

Mary is an alto.



Carol Griak

Carol has served several years as Sunshine Chair of the choir. She has been a member of Kolo for many years and has held the offices of auditor, Vice President and Member at Large on the Church Board, and is also the unofficial Church greeter.

Everyone knows that if one leaves something unattended for which Carol does not know its use, it will be in the dumpster.

She worked within the St. Louis County Auditors Office for 35 1/2 years retiring in 1992.

Carol is a tenor.



Marlene Balach

Marlene has held the offices of Choir President and Secretary, and has been a member of the music committee for several years. She has also assisted several of the directors as pianist, as well as being accompanist for concert events.

She recently attended an SSF sponsored choral workshop with emphasis on the works of St. Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic.

Marlene is also an active Kolo member and has served on the Kolo Board.

Marlene is a tenor.



Shirley Balach

When the Choir was initiated into the Singing Federation, Shirley had just given birth to her and Joe's third child, but was still able to attend the festivities. Shirley has served the choir as Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. She has also been Auditor of the Church Council and Auditor of the Kolo. It is a rare Sunday morning that Shirley is not in church, and on occasion, when the director is absent, she blows the pitches for responses. Of particular note,

that exhibits the love Shirley has for the Church and for the Choir, Shirley's entire family, Joe, herself, George, Patricia, Therese and Tanya all sang in the St. George Choir.

Shirley is an alto.



Sam Miscevich

Sam has held several offices on the choir board, holding intermittent terms of President for much of the tenure of the Choir. He has attended Divine Liturgy for his entire life, beginning as an altar boy, and has been the unofficial official bell ringer for most of that time.

Sam also held the position of Treasurer of the Church Board for 41 years, and still serves on the Board as a Member at Large. He has

also held office in the Men's Club for many years, and has

held office in the local S.N.F. Lodge. He was selected as Man of The Year by the S.N.F. in 2003, and was honored at the 2003 convention in Pittsburgh.

Sam was the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Duluth Teacher's Credit Union for 6 years, and currently acts as a volunteer at St. Eligius Health Center helping provide weekly entertainment for the residents. Sam is a bass.