

Invitation to visit the school

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On April 4, 2023. I was invited by Frosia, who represented the private school, to make an arrangement to visit the school. She was the wife of Daniel Martishev, who was a student in my class in Ninety-One School. I agreed to come to the school on Tuesday, April 11th.

President Larry Semerikov met me and gave me a tour of the school. I was allowed to take photos. He kept asking the students in all the classes if any of their parents had me as a teacher. I was surprised to find how many of the students had parents who were my former students. Also, Larry kept asking if the students would like to have me come and teach Russian in their classrooms. He definitely was setting me up to work at the school as a volunteer. The next day, he wrote me a thank you email:

Paul,

Hello, just wanted to Thank you for coming out and touring our wonderful and blessed school. It was such a pleasure getting to know you and a little about your background. Your energy and passion for all things Old Believers, gave me a much needed spark, as I share your enthusiasm for all the good this school will do for our community and life outside our community with our efforts to mold our students into God Fearing and Loving Christians.

God Bless you and your family!

Sincerely,

Larry Semerikov
President



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Community. Love. Humility. Respect.

I wrote back to Larry:

Larry,

I am glad I came to see what great things are happening at your Holy Trinity School. It's truly amazing to witness!! I came to work with the Old Believer children and parents in 1976 as a teacher at 91 School. I saw many changes and developments within the OB community. Now I see the creation -- and the culmination of a dream that you and those that work with you -- to make the Holy Trinity School a center of everything that will make the OB community flourish into the future!

By the way, I communicated with Frosia Martishev this morning:

"I can't say enough words on how glad I am that you and Larry welcomed me into your school and gave me a fantastic tour.

I want to share with you what I have managed to put together from the photos that I took.

I made a YouTube video, which I hope to revise if you can send me the clip of the students singing with their harmonious voices."

https://youtu.be/_NCY4XoiSNY

I also made a pdf file of the photos with captions and remarks:

<https://wigowsky.com/fob/HolyTrinitySchool.pdf>

Let me know if these are OK to publish on my Old Believer website. I like to get permission before I publish.

Blessings to all of you,

Paul J. Wigowsky

P.S. Looking forward to volunteering at the school in the future.

Additional email:

Larry,

Once again, I give many thanks for the great tour you gave me of your awesome school for the "new generation."

I have finished the work I promised, of giving your school a place on my website. It is my privilege to be of service to you and your inspirational work.

As I said: "God works in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform."

And I believe we are instruments in his continuing work in our lives.

Paul

Response from Larry:

Very Nice work, thanks for doing what you do for the benefit of the school, please feel free to use your connections and advertise the Gala and school for us, whenever possible. The road has been a long and hard one, but the journey will be well worth it in the end!

God Bless,

Larry Semerikov

President

On Wednesday, September 6th, I received the following email from Frosia Martishev, who was communicating news from the school:

Hello Mr. Wigowsky!

I hope this email serves you well and all is going good in your neck of the woods! We just had our first day of school for the 4th year of Holy Trinity Private School! They say that most private schools close within 3-5years of opening, and that after the 5th year they are most likely to succeed after that! Praying we make it over that hump safe and smoothly :-)

It was so nice to see you at the gala, thank you again for your attendance and participation, our efforts were able to reduce tuition by \$1,000/student for those participating in the fundraising efforts. That was fantastic news for us!

We would love to see more of you, and are eager to pick your brain and do some learning of our own from your experience and wisdom! You mentioned you might be interested in volunteering once a week, reaching out to see if that is still of an interest of yours and if you'd like to

come by to chat! NO pressure, but we will so welcome you with open arms.

Thank you kindly, keep in touch,

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Frosia Martishev

Office Assistant

And so I was welcomed into the Holy Trinity Private School. I arrived the next week to begin my assignment as a volunteer “resident storyteller” – showing filmstrips of Russian Folk Tales (Русские Народные Сказки).





12 good friends (spiritual qualities): Truth, Purity, Love, Good Deeds, Obedience, Humility, Abstinence, Seek Wisdom, Not Judgement, Repentance, Prayer, Mercy