



Kate Tomashevskaya Facebook From Russia

ROADS CONVERGE IN WOODBURN, OREGON

Revisiting Old Believer sites

Wednesday Oct. 27, 2022

Hello Mr. Wigowsky, I am a PhD student at the University of Southern California. I am doing my dissertation at the department of slavic languages and literatures and visual anthropology. I'm currently working on modern life of the Old Believers in the US. As you are a specialist in this sphere, I would like to ask you if it is possible to discuss with you a couple of questions for my PhD dissertation?

You sent

Sure, any time. Maybe some of your questions would be answered by visiting my Old Believer website:

<http://wigowsky.com/products/>

Thank you very much! Yes, of course, I've seen this wonderful website! In fact, I am very interested to learn about how the way of life of the youngest Old Believers is arranged. Do they have problems with older generations, how is their life different from the life of those who came to America in the sixties? These are the issues that are now the focus of my attention. And I'm also interested in how American researchers studied Old Believers when they first arrived to the US, and what difficulties these researchers faced. Would it be convenient for you if I ask some initial questions here?

You sent

Sure, go ahead.

Thank you so much! How and when did you start studying Old Believers? And why?

You sent

1976, I was hired to work with Old Believer children as a teacher in 91 School. I was a native speaker.

Kate

Do you mean, a native speaker of Russian or English? And only Old Believers studied at this school? Did you know about the Old Believers before? How many years have you worked at the school?

Why I'm talking about language - I'm a native speaker of Russian. My mother is Ukrainian and I speak Ukrainian with her parents, but unfortunately I don't write well yet. So if it's more convenient for you to write in Ukrainian or Russian, you can switch to a more convenient language.

You sent

Native speaker of Russian. I'm bilingual, Russian & English. I worked at an Elementary & Middle school that had 75% American,, 25% Russian children. Yes, I knew about Old Believers before, when I studied for my Russian Master's degree. At school 27 years. Слава Украины! Я тоже украинец.

By the way, if you are doing a dissertation about Old Believers, it would be beneficial to see an actual OB village in Woodburn, Oregon. Can you come to Oregon? I could show you Bethlehem village with their churches, and other places where they live and work. The American researcher whom I personally knew was Richard Morris. You can see his dissertation about Old Believers on my webpage.

Kate

Of course, I can come! Do you live not far from there? In fact, I am going to Woodburn for this weekend for the first time, I will arrive there tomorrow. I'm doing joint PhD at the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and Visual Anthropology (this research project on the Old Believers is anthropological).

This is so interesting! The manager of our department, Susan Kechekian, also worked at this school during these years (or a little earlier - in 1974-76).

You sent

I live in Salem, 30 miles from Woodburn. If you're arriving tomorrow, you can call me and I can show you around. 503 --- ----

Kate

Thank you very much! I read this very good book. Two weeks ago I met Richard's wife Tamara Morris in Washington, she is a dialectologist.

You sent

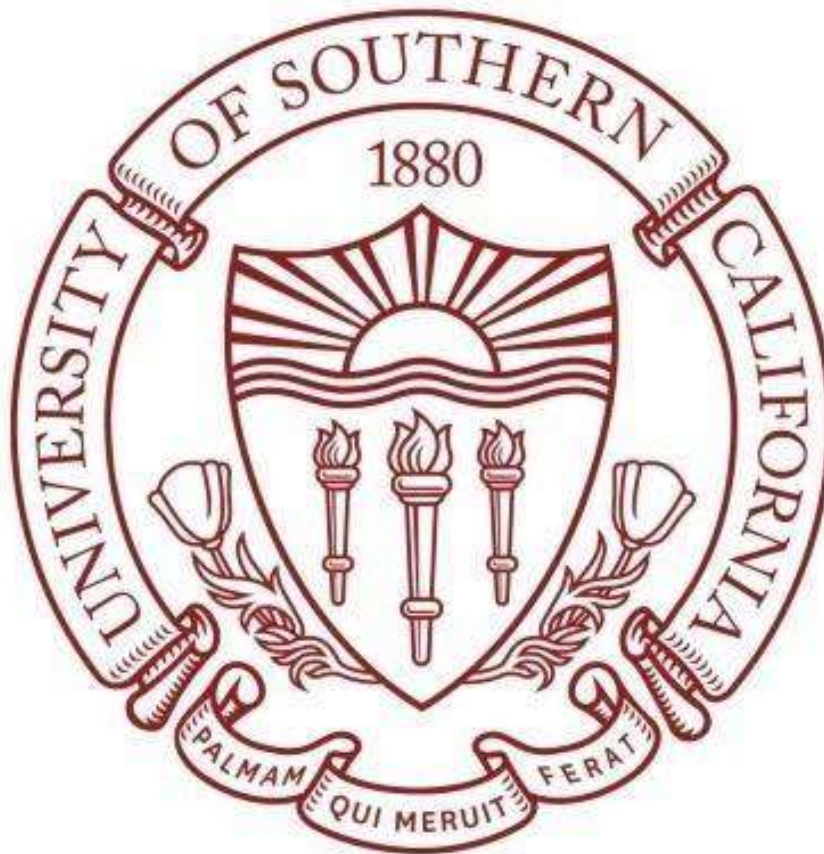
Yes, I know Tamara, Richard's wife. I have her book.

Kate

This sounds amazing! Thank you very much! I'm arriving to Eugene at 10am and then I will try to take the bus to Woodburn. According to the bus schedule, I can get to Woodburn by 2 o'clock. What time would be convenient for you? On Friday and Saturday I am also completely free and ready to adjust to your convenient time. got it! my number is 323 --- ----

You sent

Call me before you get to Woodburn, and I can meet you downtown at the greyhound station. (some misunderstanding here about where the bus stopped in Woodburn)



And so, on Thursday we met and I showed her the Heritage Elementary School first. Here we talked to staff. Kate was able to talk with the principle about her dissertation, and I was able to talk to the secretary Mrs. Valihov, who was very helpful in telling us about other schools with Old Believer children, especially the new ones.

https://www.woodburnsd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1992614&type=d&pREC_ID=2089574

Heritage Elementary School

**440 Parr Road
Woodburn, Oregon 97071
503-981-2600**

Principal: Sherrilynn Rawson
srawson@woodburnsd.org

Principal: Claudia Kis
ckis@woodburnsd.org



Sherrilynn Rawson

<https://woodburnsd-heritage.edlioschool.com/apps/staff/>

https://woodburnsd-heritage.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1949773&type=d&pREC_ID=2072552 Russian Heritage Language Program » Russian Heritage Language Program/ Русская программа

Talk to Secretary Valihov



Satellite view of Parr Rd., Woodburn – Heritage School (Right), Church (left)
[Source, Zillow]



Marionberries (and other berries) have been the Old Believers main money-making crop.

Columbia Star Thornless Blackberry - One Green World

<https://onegreenworld.com> › Berries › Blackberries



Columbia Star Thornless **Blackberry** is a new addition to the **blackberry** world courtesy of the USDA and OSU. **Columbia Star** has Marionberry in its lineage!!



<https://www.folkstreams.net/contexts/teacher-guide-for-old-believers>

Teacher Guide for Old Believer Margaret Hixon Project Director July, 1981



Kate



<https://www.oregonlive.com/galleries/2VGC6UFDLNCK3PILFPXVIRITBY/>

Fedor Zarkhin | The Oregonian/**OregonLive**. Bethlehem Drive church. Russian **Old Believer churches** on Bethlehem Drive Northeast, near Gervais. **Frolov Dr. Church**



Frolov Dr. Church



Angel of the Lord – Ангел Господень



Архангел Михаил – Archangel Michael



St. Nicholas, wonderworker—Святой Микола Архангел Гавраил – Archangel Gabriel





Bethlehem Rd. (1st church on left)



Поповская -- The Church of the Holy Ascension

<https://www.rocorstudies.org/2015/02/27/with-the-russian-old-believers-in-oregon/>

Two ROCOR Bishops and the Russian Old Believers in Oregon

John Hudanish 2012 1250 Hardcastle Ave., Woodburn, OR

Good article to read, written by an American-Russian who converted to Russian Old Belief. I knew him, and his daughter went to school with my daughter.

https://www.dailymerald.com/ethos/archives/way-of-grace/article_37c44aa4-1ba9-551d-9d87-11adaac7d0d8.html (good story, well written)

<https://www.wweek.com/culture/2017/12/12/a-mysterious-crop-circle-drew-me-to-woodburns-russian-orthodox-old-believer-community/>



St. George Services

Parfiri



Bethlehem Rd. (3rd church on the left, east side)





View of Church of Holy Ascension (from 3rd church)



Rev. Parfiri Toran

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=rev.+parfiri+toran

<https://youtu.be/Cuolk8GARJs> (service)

<https://youtu.be/whlvwI0XSGk> (funeral)



Old Believer cross on Monitor McKee Rd. NE === access to cemetery





Russian Language Class



Dear Parishioners 🍷

We are planning to teach a 2nd year of Russian language for our church community. This year, we will expand and have two classes: **beginner group and an intermediate/advanced group.**

The first meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 pm.** It is set for parents and students to have a discussion on the structure for this school year and a time to evaluate which group your student will be placed into. There will also be time to play a few games. 🎲 🎮 🎯

Class time is tentatively set for Tuesdays 6:00 pm. However, if there's church service Tuesday evening, class will be moved to another day. The cost is \$8.00 per class time. Depending on how many classes fall within the month, the monthly fee is \$32.00. However, if there are financial hardships, *please* don't hesitate to discuss this with M. Irina.

It is with great hope that our church community is able to dedicate their weekly class time to learn and understand our Russian language! **This will greatly help in the understanding of our Church services as well.** 🙏 🙏 🙏



Proverbs 3:1-2

1. My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
2 for they will prolong your life many
years and bring you peace and prosperity

🍷 If you have any questions/suggestions, please
address them to M. Irina 503-949-8232 or Ana Anisimov
503-575-1336



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stand our Russian language!

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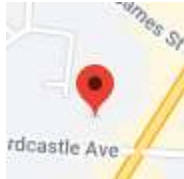




Fabric Boutique 774 N Pacific Hwy Open · Closes 7PM · (503) 982-8106



Fabric Boutique 1615 Hardcastle Ave Open · Closes 7PM



Fashion Fabric

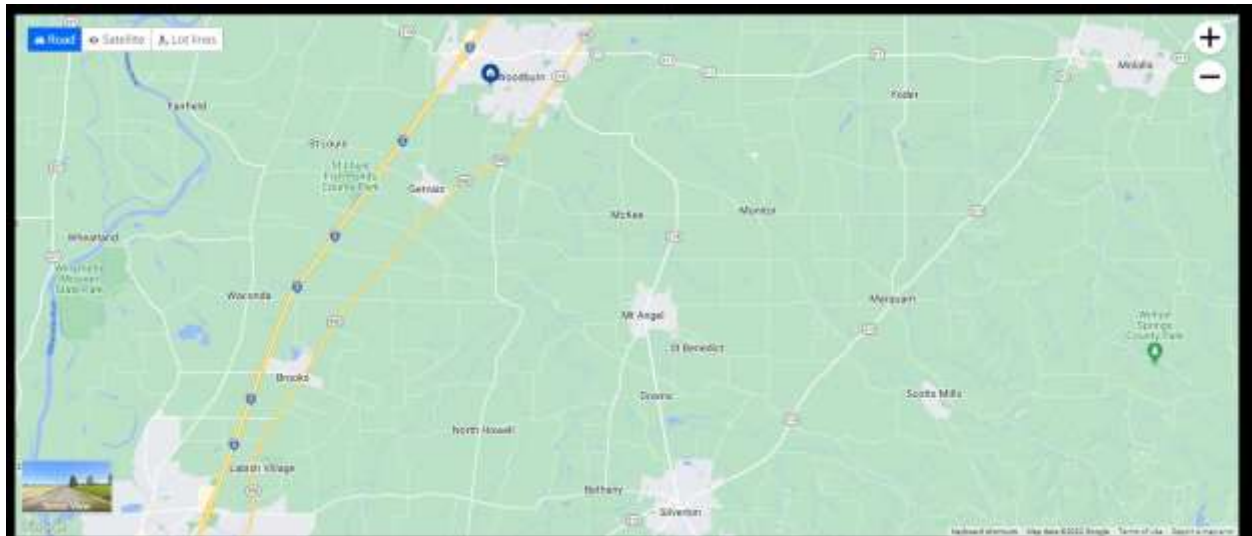
2225 N Pacific Hwy Open · Closes 7PM · (503) 982-4810

Elena's Fabrics And Jewelry 694 N Pacific Hwy #630 Open · Closes 6PM · (503) 939-5646

Woodburn Sew & Vac Center

1585 N Pacific Hwy STE D Open · Closes 6PM · (503) 981-6921

Kustom Kreations Embroidery 2710 National Way **Closes soon** · 3:30PM · (503) 981-4046



Map of Old Believer communities in Willamette Valley, Oregon: Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Silverton, Monitor, Gervais, etc.

Saturday: Tour of Schools, churches, businesses

<https://robc.us/holy-trinity-school/> Holy Trinity Private School

9410 Rambler Dr NE, Silverton, OR 97381

Holy Trinity Private School is an orthodox Christian private school dedicated to preserving the Old Believer faith dedicated to our traditions and heritage. Holy Trinity Private School is devoted to raising children as God intended. Our peer-to-peer school and online e-learning program allow us to provide educational opportunities for all ages.

<http://holyltrinityschool.us/about/>



Anna Kasachev

SCHOOL DIRECTOR akasachev@holyltrinityschool.us

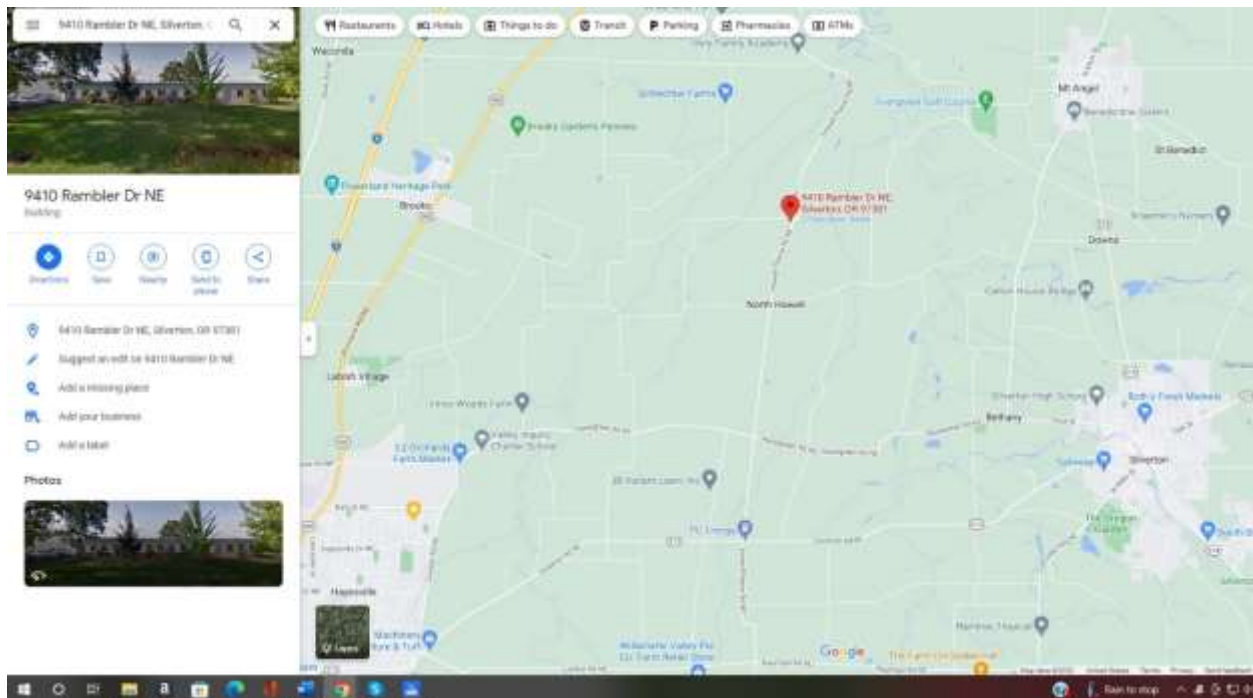
<https://www.facebook.com/OldBelieversCommunity/>

https://robc.us/?fbclid=IwAR0HMctANnjoaZpAgha5w9yAj0XRPfQOfVc3KLpYZm1QDi_v



<https://robc.us/holy-trinity-school/chXtulEe5ok>
Believers Community

Russian Old



Holy Trinity Church - - Howell Prairie Rd (north of Silverton rd)

<https://monitoroldriteschool.com/>

MONITOR OLD-RITE SCHOOL

How You Can Help COVID-19 Updates

Upcoming Events Contact

Fundraising Event



12465 Meridian Rd NE

Mt. Angel, OR 97362

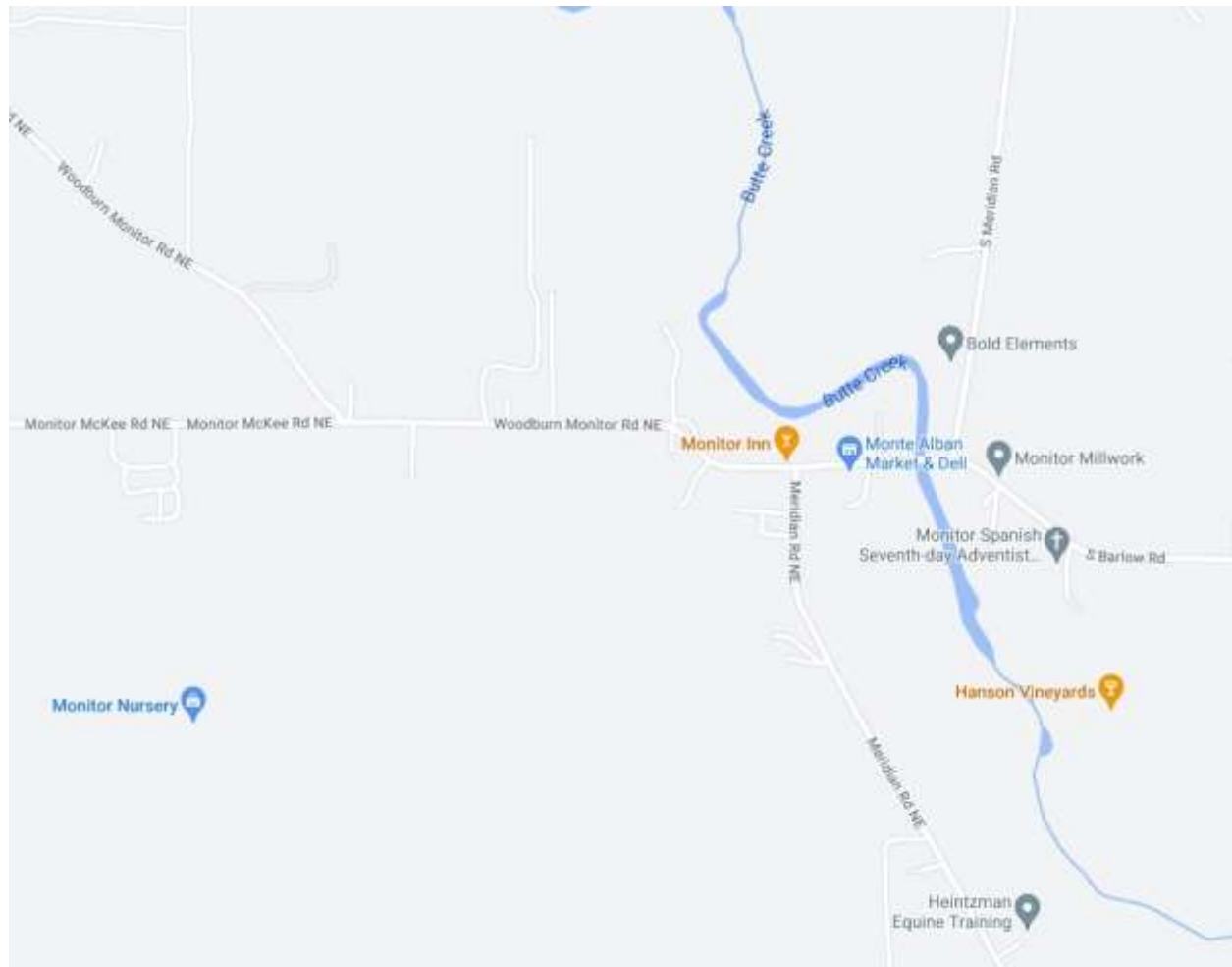
PO Box 470

Mt. Angel, OR 97362

MonitorOldRiteSchool@gmail.com

Phone [\(503\) 634-2950](tel:(503)634-2950)

Fax (503) 634-2952



<https://www.ninetyone.canby.k12.or.us/>

Ninety-One School

SCHOOL ADDRESS

5811 S Whiskey Hill Rd.

Hubbard, OR 97032

[\(503\) 263-7110](tel:(503)263-7110)

(503) 263-7112



<https://canbyfirst.com/new-principal-of-ninety-one-school-is-student-centered-leader/>

<https://www.salemhistory.net/digital/collection/max/id/1344/>

Mural of Woodburn iconic sites (includes Orthodox Church)



<https://www.opb.org/artsandlife/article/mural-woodburn-oregon-hector-h-hernandez-diversity-history/>





<http://www.settlemyerhouse.com/>



from mural



<https://heritage.woodburnsd.org/>

Diverse in Culture, Unified in Mission (school includes Old Believers)

440 Parr Road, Woodburn, OR 97071

Phone: [\(503\) 981-2600](tel:5039812600)

<https://heritage.woodburnsd.org/apps/staff/> (Old Believer staff works with Old Believer children to help them retain their Russian language).



Chatting with one of the original owners of the franchise, Anastasia Ivanov (maiden name). I asked about my former student, Mike Ivanov, and Anastasia said that he married her daughter.





Kate wanted to do an interview with me, so I suggested we visit my former school, where I taught for 27 years and worked with Old Believer children.





I was impressed with the new playground equipment, which had been recently installed to give the children a safe environment.



We visited the Monitor Old Rite School (12465 Meridian Rd., Mt. Angel, OR 97362)



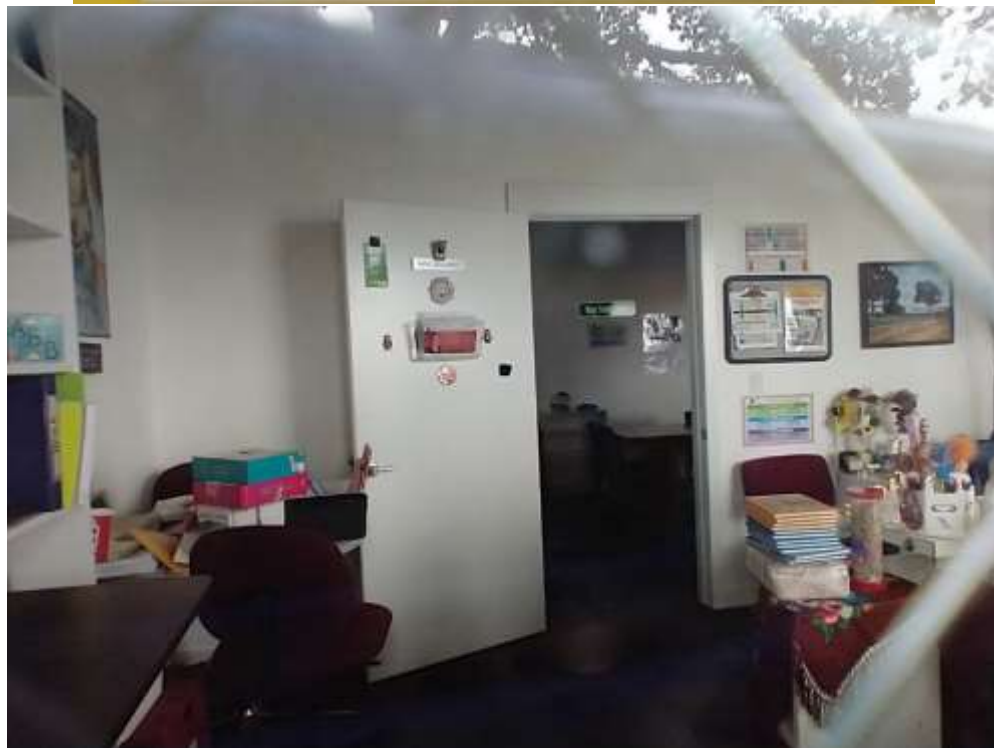
We visited the Holy Trinity School (9410 Rambler Dr., Silverton, OR 97381)



The school was adorned with the Orthodox cross.



Since it was Saturday, and no school, we were only able to peer through the windows to see the inside of the school.





There were 14 classrooms in all. I noticed Church Slavonic wall cards.



Expansion seemed to be in the works.



We visited Vera's Produce & More in Gervais (near Woodburn, on Hwy 99E)



Address: 13177 Portland Rd NE, Gervais, OR 97026





Vera's Produce & More, with Vera Kaya, Old Believer lady who came to Oregon in 1964 and started the store in 1978.



Old Believer church in Woodburn, near Hwy 211.



We ended our tour of Old Believer sites with a visit to several Old Believer churches.



Sunday: Facebook post –

Revisiting Old Believer sites. It was my distinct pleasure the past several days to help a PhD candidate from USC (Southern California) with her research into the culture and tradition of the Old Believers in Oregon. We visited several churches, some schools, some businesses, and talked with the people who fled from autocratic Russian rulers during the previous century. The trend to leave autocratic Russia and their despotic rulers is continuing on into our present time, as witnessed by the mass exodus after the invasion of the peaceful, freedom-loving neighbor Ukraine.

Повторне відвідування старообрядницьких місць. Я мав особливе задоволення протягом останніх кількох днів допомагати докторанту з USC (Південна Каліфорнія) у її дослідженні культури та традицій старообрядництва в Орегоні. Ми відвідали кілька церков, деякі підприємства, поспілкувалися з людьми, які втекли від самодержавних російських правителів у минулому столітті. Тенденція до відходу від самодержавної Росії та її деспотичних правителів продовжується і в наш час, про що свідчить масовий вихід після вторгнення в мирну, волелюбну сусідню Україну.





