



Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church Almanac (S0032)

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Collection Title: Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church Almanac

Dates: 1976

Creator: Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church

Abstract: The Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church Almanac includes an illustrated history of the Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church and the Serbian community in St. Louis from 1900 to 1976. Holy Trinity created the almanac to celebrate the United States' bicentennial in 1976.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English and Serbo-Croatian.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

At the start of the 20th century, St. Louis lacked an Eastern Orthodox church for the increasing population of Serbians throughout St. Louis. At the endorsement of a notable Serbian singing society named Gusle, Serbians throughout St. Louis City received invitations for a Serbian gathering in St. Louis on August 1, 1909. At this gathering, attendees unanimously voted to establish the Orthodox Church-Congregation of Holy Trinity and elected Ivan Lakich as church president. The church celebrated its first St. Sava's Day, a Serbian Orthodox holiday celebrating the first Serbian archbishop St. Sava, on January 27, 1910. By 1911, the church purchased its first location at Eight and Barry Avenues in St. Louis City. Members of the Holy Trinity established the Society of Red Cross to help the Red Cross in Serbia in 1912. In 1928, Holy Trinity moved to their current location at McNair and Gayer Avenues and established the Circle of Serbian Sisters, Holy Trinity's first women's group. From 1941-1947, Holy Trinity expanded onto the McNair location and added a church hall. During the early 1950s, Holy Trinity assisted the government with the vast influx of Serbian immigrants to St. Louis because of the Josip Broz Tito communist regime in Yugoslavia. The Circle of Serbian Sisters and church leadership sheltered incoming immigrants and assisted with employment opportunities.

Arrangement:

The collection has been maintained in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church Almanac contains an illustrated history of the Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church and the Serbian community in St. Louis from 1900 to 1976. The almanac chronicles the founding of the Holy Trinity, location changes, and internal organizations such as the Society of Red Cross and The Circle of Serbian Sisters Organization. Holy Trinity created the almanac to celebrate America's bicentennial in 1976 to show full enthusiasm for the event. The collection is maintained in its original order.

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