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Guide to Collection

Wanamaker, William Sr.

William Wanamaker Sr. Papers, 1850-1940s

MS 239

2 monographs (song book, commemorative volume)
3 notebooks

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Wanamaker Sr. (grandfather of donor) spoke Slavonic Russian, Tagalog, Serbian, Tlingit, French and English. He was choir director of St. Michael's Church in Sitka and later St. Nicholas in Juneau where he was a Reader. He came to Juneau in 1933 to work in the Alaska Juneau Gold Mine. He died of Black Lung disease in about 1945. In the late 1950's Amos Wallace, the donor's father, became choir director. Amos and Dorothy Wallace were lifelong members of the Russian Orthodox Church.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The collection includes a published book of music in the Russian Language, with two notebooks containing transliterations of text. The text contained in the notebooks seems to correspond to the songs in the published book of music.

INVENTORY

1) Russian language musical publication, 1850, 276 pages . The book contains an archaic form of musical notation.

Translation notes from Tanya Stepanova:

These are music notes for church holidays.

[Cover page]

Score # 3. Irmoses.

"Partitura #3. Irmosi"

[Title page]

Sunday Irmoses for Holy Days. Greek (melody). By order of His Majesty Emperor Nicholas Pavlovich.

Put on four voices under the guidance of A.Lvov, Director of the Imperial Court Cappella Music. St. Petersburg, 1850.

2-3) Two notebooks, containing transliterations of Russian verses, created by A.P. Kashevaroff.

Final page of one series of verses in notebook 2:

N.B.

The morning service begins at
10 o'clock Sharp.

It would be very pleasant and
Satisfactory to have the whole
Choir on time.

I wish you a very Happy
Easter. Kristos Voskrese!
Rev. A.P. Kashevaroff
Rector

4) Notebook: Palm Sunday Evening Service, transliterated by A.P. Kashaveroff

5) Saint Michael the Archangel Cathedral in Sitka, 1849 to 1976
Consecration, November 19, 20, 21, 1976