

Rest of Founder of Holy Trinity Parish

ON DECEMBER 26, 2010 (Old Style), the funeral of Victor Bublick, one of the founders of the Holy Trinity parish in Oxnard, California, who reposed in the Lord at ninety-two years of age, was solemnly celebrated at the beautiful parish church. He was the last surviving founder of the parish, following the death of Yakov Popov in May 2010 (Old Style).



The funeral was conducted by His Grace, Bishop Auxentios and the Rector of the parish, the Reverend Dr. James Thornton, with Archbishop Chrysostomos, who delivered a funeral homily, in attendance. The church was filled with mourners, though the atmosphere of the service, beautifully sung by a small choir under the direction of Mrs. Vera Golubovs, was indeed joyful and very moving. Father James ended the service with an eloquent eulogy. The cemetery burial service was followed by a traditional meal in the church hall.

The following touching tribute to Victor, written by the *Starosta* (Warden) of the Holy Trinity parish, Michael Avisov, captures what His Eminence, Archbishop Chrysostomos, in his funeral homily, called the “nobility” of this remarkable individual. May His memory be eternal. Вечная Память! Memory Eternal!

Victor Vasilivich Bublick, born October 10, 1918, husband of Tatiana (who reposed before him), father to Tania and Maria, and grandfather to Michael, Anastasia, Tatiana and Andrew, reposed in the Lord on Monday evening January 3, 2011, at home, with his family at his side.

Born in Russia, in Eysk (Yesik) on the Sea of Azov, he survived the Second World War in Yugoslavia. He was proud to be a Kubanski Kazak. Along with many other displaced persons, he came to America, where, despite the fact that he was educated and trained as

a dentist, he initially worked as a laborer in the agricultural fields in Ventura. He later became active in the real estate profession and was a very successful businessman.

A man of slight build, Victor was mighty in the accomplishments and achievements that marked his personal life, and especially in giving birth to a beautiful church, the Holy Trinity Eastern Orthodox Church in Oxnard, California.

He was Treasurer of the Holy Trinity parish from the time that it was but a house church—over fifty years ago. He managed the parish coffers flawlessly. As co-founders, he and his wife and children tirelessly served the parish and are an important part of the Orthodox community in Ventura County.

Many times throughout the years, one would come to church to find Victor and his wife and the Priest at the Evening Vigil. Victor was at times the Reader, the choir, and the alter boy. He was fearless in his faith. His life here in Camarillo was dedicated to the wellbeing of the Church and Parish.

Victor was like a second father to me. He was loving and always shared his positive attitude, instructing me to smile and be friendly to everyone. He was wise in his decisions and firm in his support. Often-times at our board meetings, Lydia, Eugenia and the others would let Victor vote; then they would vote as he did, always agreeing with his logic.

All will sorely miss Victor. May the Lord God grant peace and rest to his blessed soul and reward him for his tireless work with a place in the abodes of the righteous. Memory eternal!

