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RACHMANINOFF'S ALL-NIGHT VIGIL Sun 18 Oct, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
OLD SAINT NICK Sun 6 Dec, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
TONGUES OF FIRE Sun 16 May, 2027, 3:00 P.M.
All at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 999 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco

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OCTOBER 18

Sergei Rachmaninoff's

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

John Michael Boyer
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Composed in 1915, Rachmaninoff's *All-Night Vigil* is a choral masterwork—a luminous bridge between ancient Slavic tradition and late-Romantic expression, with bass notes so low they test the limits of the human voice.

Drawing on ancient Russian Orthodox chant, Rachmaninoff weaves its timeless melodies into music of transcendent beauty. Cappella Romana presents the Vigil with unadorned Russian chants—palette cleansers between Rachmaninoff's sumptuous courses.

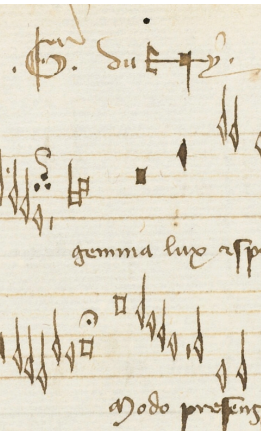
This music transforms: an outpouring of profound emotional and spiritual vision that finds beauty in darkness. The performance won't last all night, but you'll wish it did.

DECEMBER 6

Saint Nicholas in the East and West

OLD SAINT NICK

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Sung on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas!

Long before gift-giving and reindeer, there was St. Nicholas of Myra—the 4th-century bishop whose deep compassion made him one of Christianity's most beloved saints. From the medieval West, we'll sing the remarkable isometric motet *O Gemma lux* by Guillaume Dufay, shown here. From the Byzantine tradition a Kalophonic ("beautiful sounding") chant for his feast day by Manuel Chrysaphes (15th c.).

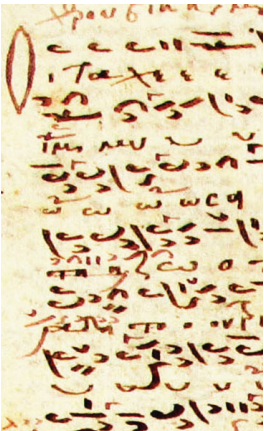
We finish with Arvo Pärt's "O Holy Saint Nicholas," featured on Cappella Romana's acclaimed recording *Odes of Repentance*, bridging ancient tradition and modern spirituality.

MAY 16

Music for Orthodox Pentecost

TONGUES OF FIRE

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Fifty days after the Resurrection, the promised Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, descended upon the Apostles in tongues of fire. Orthodox Christianity has celebrated this cosmic moment with some of its most magnificent music, from ancient Byzantine chant to contemporary works from across the Orthodox world.

Central to our celebration is the ecstatic *Teleutaion* (Final Antiphon) of the Kneeling Vespers from Cappella Romana's acclaimed recording *Byzantium in Rome*. This monumental 13th-century chant from Grottaferrata Abbey near Rome features extended psalmody on Psalm 18 and exuberant settings of "Alleluia," capturing the wonder of that first Pentecost—"speaking in tongues," Byzantine style.



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