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## Easter Concert!

**APRIL 2006** - For months we were asking you all to pray with us about the upcoming Easter concert at SPCU. April 18 was the special day for our evening Easter concert and it was an evening which blessed all in attendance. The auditorium was full and the program was one that praised our risen Lord for His sacrifice on our behalf. While many in the West had already celebrated their Easter on April 16 we in Russia were celebrating a week later according to the calendar and traditions of the Eastern church.



The Easter concert program included musical numbers performed by the SPCU student choir, an SPCU quartet, a group of young people from St. Petersburg known as "Daybreak" as well as solo performances by 11 year old Allina Risenko. Included with the musical performances were a play

written and directed by SPCU student Svetlana Kirichenko which portrayed the contrasts of good and evil and the battle that took place leading up to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

The evening was concluded by a short Easter message from SPCU lecturer and pastor of the Logos Church, Sergei Samoylenkov. It truly was



a wonderful evening of celebration related to the Lord's great sacrifice on our behalf and His resurrection thus defeating sin and death.



**St. Petersburg Group  
"Daybreak"**

**Allina Risenko**



**St. Petersburg Christian  
University  
Student Performance**

## SPCU Master of Theology Program Receives High Marks from the University of Wales Validation Board

**April 2006** - The examination committee and validation board from the University of Wales visited SPCU on April 24-25. The examination committee under the leadership of SPCU President Alexander Negrov examined the part time students of the master of theology program who began in 2003. Eight students



from this group were approved to begin their dissertation work in May. Five part time students from the group who began in 2002 successfully

defended their dissertations and were approved for graduation this year where they will receive the degree "Master of Theology in Biblical Studies."

The validation board under the leadership of Dr. Peter Noyes, Vice Chancellor of the University of Wales conducted a review of the activities of SPCU in relation to the introduction of and operation of the Master of Theology program for the period 2001 to 2006. The members of the board evaluated the work of SPCU as "Outstanding" and approved a recommendation to the University of Wales that our validation be extended for another five years until 2011. The board also voted to recommend that SPCU be allowed to expand their offerings beyond the current specialization in Biblical Studies to include a new offering of a specialization in Church History. The recommendation that Alexei Dadochkin become the new Director of the M.Th. program at SPCU was approved during these meetings as well.

**FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVING ALONGSIDE THE CHURCHES IN RUSSIA!  
FIFTEEN YEARS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!  
FIFTEEN YEARS OF PREPARING LEADERS!**

Join us as we celebrate our fifteenth birthday. Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar:

**MAY 19-21, 2006**

We are hoping that many of you who have served with us as professors, students, staff, prayer partners, financial supporters, volunteers, as well as other friends of SPCU will consider joining us for this wonderful time of celebration and praise to God for His abundant grace and provisions which have allowed us to develop as a servant to Him and to His churches in the former Soviet Union.

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or contact us by e-mail at: [pr@spcu.spb.ru](mailto:pr@spcu.spb.ru)

## Alumni Update - Innessa Klimovich



Recently we had the pleasure of talking with Innessa Klimovich. Innessa is a 1997 graduate of the Certificate in Christian Education and Bible program at SPCU. After SPCU she furthered her education in this field and then returned to SPCU as a Lecturer in the Bachelor of Christian Education program.

She keeps quite busy with her teaching responsibilities at SPCU as well as in her many travels throughout the former Soviet Union encouraging people in the sphere of Christian education through conducting lectures and seminars in this area of study.

Innessa comes from a family which includes one sister and one brother. Both of her siblings are married with families of their own. The focus of Innessa's ministry calling and where her heart is most blessed is in the work she conducts with children in orphanages, who do not have families of their



own. She says "From the very beginning of my studies I was convinced that my calling was to work among children and in the area

of Christian education and every day I think and pray about both of these."

When asked about her future ministry plans, Innessa said, "More and more I understand that love is the engine of any ministry. It is love that gives creativity, enthusiasm, and the source of strength. I pray that God would give me His heart and the rest will come on its own." She went on to say that if people want to pray for her they could pray for her physical strength as she travels a lot and for her spiritual strength as she seeks to serve the Lord in the calling He has placed on her life.

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### Dates to Remember

- May 19-21, 2006 - Fifteenth Birthday Celebration of SPCU
- May 20, 2006 - SPCU Graduation
- May 21-24, 2006 - SPCU Board of Directors Meeting