

## Daily Schedule M-F

730AM Wake-up  
830AM Breakfast  
900AM Morning Prayer  
930AM Work Begins  
1200PM Lunch  
100PM Work Resumes  
400PM Tea  
630PM Supper  
7-11PM Free Time

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## About MVERN & Sablino

*The Sablino Reunion Tour* is sponsored by the Miami Valley Episcopal Russian Network (MVERN), a unique outreach project of 11 Miami Valley Churches (9 Episcopal and 2 Orthodox) and a pioneering Russian Orthodox Church located in Sablino, Russia, a village 30 miles south of St. Petersburg. MVERN's mission is to foster a spiritual and personal relationship between MVERN's parishes and St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. During the last 12 years MVERN has donated thousands of dollars worth of humanitarian supplies and supported St. Nicholas' ministry to orphanages, a hospital, schools and a women's prison.

Youth exchanges between American and Russian youth from the Sablino area always have been a major focus. Since its inception in 1997, more than 300 Americans, including 90 youth, have traveled to Russia with MVERN, on 19 different cultural exchanges. Approximately 25 Russian youth also have come to the US in alternating years.

*The Sablino Reunion Tour* will be headquartered at the SABLINO YOUTH EDUCATION CENTER. With significant financial help from MVERN, St. Nicholas' Sunday School building has been transformed into a spacious and welcoming center for the community. More than 60 Russian youth, ages 7-17, gather after school, on Saturdays, and at a summer camp for classes in music, art, English, religious education, and sports, in addition to instruction about alcohol, drugs and AIDS. The youth center is open to children from throughout the region, providing both a stable oasis and a diversion from the temptations of drugs, alcohol and gang membership. It has become a model for similar programs in small Russian villages throughout the country.

## Miami Valley Episcopal Russian Network

## The Sablino Reunion Tour

## August 3-17, 2010



## Tentative Itinerary

April 15, 2010	* Applications & 1st deposit (\$500) due
May 28, 2010	2nd deposit (\$800) due
July 9, 2010	Final payment (\$800) due
August 3, 2010	Depart USA
August 4, 2010	Arrive in St. Petersburg
August 5, 2010	Arrive in Sablino Opening Ceremonies
August 6, 2010	Work in Sablino
August 7, 2010	St. Petersburg by train
August 8, 2010	Worship @ St. Nicholas Church
August 9-13, 2010	Work Days
August 14, 2010	Day off, or tours
August 15, 2010	Worship & Home Visits
August 16, 2010	Depart for Home
August 17, 2010	Return Home

\* Note: The actual cost of this trip exceeds \$3,200. In order to make the trip affordable, MVERN is subsidizing the overall trip by \$8,000.

# The Sablino Reunion Tour



MVERN has sponsored five youth exchanges to Sablino and as an alumnus of one, or more, of those trips, I would like to invite you to join *The Sablino Reunion Tour*.

On our youth exchanges we have seen many of the sights of St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Novgorod, and while important to our understanding of Russian history, culture, and Christianity, we all wanted to spend more time in Sablino. So MVERN is preparing a reunion for you.

Consider this an invitation to, spend more time working, living, and sharing the love of Christ with our friends in Sablino.

I hope you'll join us.

Dave Halt  
Rector, St. James Cincinnati  
and pilgrimage leader.

## Who can travel?

All alumni over the age of 18 are invited to participate in the reunion.

## Why 18?

Those under 18 will have the opportunity to travel with a future youth exchange or reunion. We would like to make this a young adult ministry.

## What Will I Do?

In this two week trip you will spend almost the entire time in Sablino. Yes, we will be sleeping in the youth center and enjoying all our meals locally. Each week day will be a work day around the center and town. On weekends we will enjoy worship at the church of St. Nicholas and Saturday excursions to Petersburg and/or Pavlovsk and Pushkin.

Ultimately, you will be doing what you've already done before: building. Building friendship, trust, and understanding, as well as having your own faith built-up.



## What's the Cost?

The cost of the trip is \$2100 and includes airfare, housing, meals, VISA, ground transportation, and health insurance. You will need to bring spending money for souvenirs, snacks, and admission to any museums or historic buildings you wish to visit on the Saturday excursions.

This price is subject to change based on current prices at the time of reservation.

No refunds will be available after May 30th.

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**Please make checks payable to MVERN & mail to: MVERN, c/o The Rev. David Halt, 2153 Crest Road, Cincinnati, OH 45340.**

## Where will we stay?

We are planning on staying at the Orthodox Youth Center in Sablino. The center now has enough room to host us for the two-week trip.

The conditions will be spartan, so we will ask that each person bring an air mattress and sleeping bag.

Shower facilities and toilets are available.

All meals, except on excursions, will be prepared at the Youth Center, or eaten at a local café.

