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### **PaTRAM and Clarion Choirs to perform for the US Ambassador at Spaso House in Moscow during Clarion World Tour 2016**

The highly acclaimed Clarion Choir, led by Maestro Steven Fox, has been invited to perform at a special reception at Spaso House in Moscow, the residence of the US Ambassador to Russia, during their world tour performing the recently found masterpiece, "Passion Week" by Maximilian Steinberg. The PaTRAM male choir, led by Maestro Vladimir Gorbik, was asked by Mr. Fox, and by invitation of the Ambassador, to perform as special guests that evening as well.

The reception is by invitation only and will take place on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, following a joint choral workshop hosted by PaTRAM for Clarion in Moscow. The Clarion and PaTRAM Choirs will each perform several pieces, independently, and then merge into one grand choir for a combined finale. PaTRAM will be performing select pieces from their upcoming CD; recorded in Saratov, Russia this past summer of Pavel Chesnokov's liturgical music. The latest PaTRAM CD, to be released in 2017, features a Russian-American choir of 42 male voices of the highest professional caliber.

Alexis Lukianov, Founder, Chairman and CEO of PaTRAM Institute said, "We are delighted to join forces with Clarion to perform for the US Ambassador to Russia. We believe it is culturally and socially beneficial for our countries to foster ongoing projects and collaboration between American and Russian Choirs, especially to promote the beauty of the Russian liturgical arts. PaTRAM is comprised of both Russian and American singers working in tandem through workshops, master classes and professional recordings. The PaTRAM Choir for the Spaso House performance will be predominantly comprised of professional Russian singers. We are very excited to perform alongside a choir of Clarion's caliber to showcase our world class capabilities."

**About PaTRAM** (Patriarch Tikhon Russian American Music Institute)

The mission of the Patriarch Tikhon Russian American Music Institute (PaTRAM) is to cultivate and promote the beauty and spiritual depth of Russian Orthodox liturgical arts in general and choral singing in particular, in both the English and Church Slavonic languages. PaTRAM seeks to utilize rigorous educational programs, distinctive performance events, and the latest technological tools to realize this mission.

PaTRAM is a non-profit 501-c3 organization in their 3rd year of existence and headquartered in Tiburon, CA.

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