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Fr. John now enjoys what his wife Popadija Helen describes as a "failed retirement." On a national level he continues to be involved in activities of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). On a regional level he serves as acting priest of St. Stephen Nemanja Serbian Orthodox Church in historic Bisbee, Arizona, and he substitutes elsewhere in the desert Southwest as needed, serving roughly equally in parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese, and the OCA. While he still pursues his long-time hobby of adapting Orthodox liturgical music for use in English, he has developed an interest in Helen's "failed retirement" specialization: landscape architecture and historic preservation.