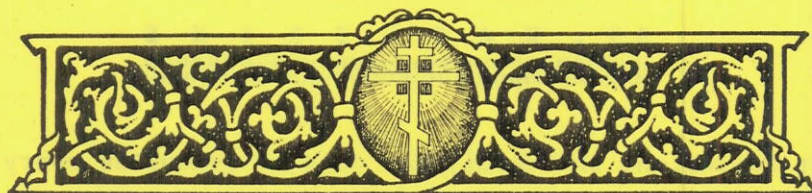


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SAINT CATHERINE
The Great Martyr
November 24 (December 7)

S T . K A T H E R I N E

Man's important invention, the wheel, has come to symbolize every form of advancement and often we refer to the wheels of progress or the wheels of fortune or fate. For a martyred saint of Egypt in the fourth century, however, the wheel became the symbol of death as stark as the guillotine of France. When St.Katherine died in agony on a spiked wheel - devised to make her death a protracted process of pain - her lifelong radiance as a brilliant Christian continued to glow and is still manifest in the shrines that have been erected in her memory.

Lacking the forms of communication that were to develop mankind's intellectual and spiritual interests, the society of the early centuries relied on the public forum for this sole source of information and stimulation of thought. This accounts for the great popularity of this form of expression which brought to the public's attention great figures of the time who might otherwise have gone unnoticed. Into this atmosphere of public discourse came one of the brightest minds of Christianity, that of a mere girl named Katherine, who early in life displayed the wisdom of ages and championed the cause of Christianity with an eloquence unsurpassed by her male counterparts.

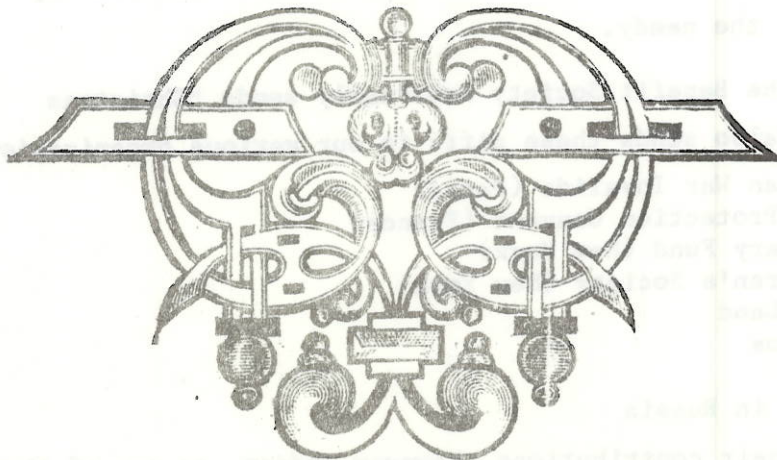
The presence in the city of Alexandria, Egypt, of the pious and astute Katherine was unknown until she made her debut at the age of eighteen in the public forum in defense of the Christian faith. The defenders of Christianity had fared badly in the public debates, principally because the most powerful orators of the day espoused the pagan beliefs and had little difficulty in making sport of Jesus, the Son of God, whose followers were long on faith but short in numbers. But the pagan philosophers were a Goliath against the David who appeared in the form of a wisp of a girl called Katherine.

With the quiet dignity that stemmed from her noble birth, the beautiful Katherine impressed the forum audience from the moment she strode forth to speak. When she had parried every pagan thrust in a torrent of rhetoric that routed her opponents, the public was virtually spellbound. In the process of throwing the haughty pagan thinkers into a state of confusion, she captured the hearts of the listeners. Those who had welcomed her to the forum

hoping that she would be driven from it in derision were themselves driven in angered frustration to seek out a means of silencing this frail creature whose Christian sagacity was winning converts as fast as they could assemble.

An appeal was made by Katherine's enemies to the Emperor Maxentius, who authorized the tyrant Maximus Daza (A.D.36) to mete out whatever punishment deemed necessary for the crimes against the state enumerated by sycophants of the pagan ruler. Her friends looked on helplessly as the devout woman who had labored for Christ was led away to face the stern justice handed down to the so-called enemies of the state. The courageous Katherine denied the customary offer of clemency in exchange for a disavowal of the Savior. They therefore decided that she be put to death in a manner so cruel as to discourage any other Christian, man or woman, from exposing himself to the wrath of pagan justice.

The example they sought to make of Katherine, fiendish as it was, turned instead into an example of the superhuman courage of the Christian martyr, the kind of Christian who could endure excruciating pain in the name of Jesus Christ. The redoubtable girl was placed on a wheel of spikes which was revolved; the centrifugal force of the wheel produced an inhuman torture on the body until at last death came as an escape from the harsh world of the flesh to the arms of the Savior. The lovely Katherine died on 24 November 311 and eventually her remains were brought to the monastery of Mt. Sinai which bears her name and where thousands of pilgrims annually pay homage to one of the sweetest Christians in history. An icon of St. Katherine invariably depicts her impaled upon the wheel on which she rolled to Heaven.





CHRONICLE OF PARISH LIFE

at the Cathedral of
the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul
in the city of Montréal

THE PARISH COUNCIL would like to remind all parishioners, that our AUTUMN PARISH DINNER, will take place on Sunday, October 19th after Divine Liturgy in the Parish Hall.

During PARISH DINNER the lottery drawing will take place... Please make an effort to sell the lottery tickets you have received. Do not forget about this!

The Church Committee asks all parishioners who have not yet paid their membership dues for 1986 to please do so before the end of the year.

The Fr. John of Kronstadt Benefit Society. This year, the Benefit Society's holiday on November 1st (the birthday and name's day of Fr. John of Kronstadt) coincides with Meg. Demetrius Saturday. A memorial Liturgy and General Requiem will start at 10:30 a.m. After the Liturgy all worshippers are invited to the hall for a light meal and a short report by Archbishop Sylvester.

The Benefit Society invites not only members but anyone who might be interested in the work of our Society.

The Benefit Society has a large selection of Christmas cards with Russian, Ukrainian, French and English inscriptions. Their prices are 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c and 90c. Proceed from the sale of these holiday cards are used by the Benefit Society to help the needy.

On Christ's Nativity the Benefit Society habitually sends "Christmas presents" to the needy; it also sends these gifts to our various organisations:

- To the Russian War Invalids (Paris)
- To the Holy Protection Convent (France)
- To the Literary Fund (New York)
- To the Children's Society (New York)
- To the Holy Land
- To Mount Athos
- To Poland
- To believers in Russia

Those wishing to add their contributions, however modest, to one of these

organisations are asked to give their donations to Vladyko Sylvester indicating for what purpose the money is to be used. Our heartfelt thanks to those who aid us in giving help...

The Church Committee reminds us that everyone who makes a donation to the church (and to parish organizations) may obtain an official receipt from the parish for income tax purposes. In order to receive such a receipt, you must give G.I.Vinogradov a list of your donations for 1986. Parishioners receive the necessary form, on which the list is to be written, in the mail with their membership cards. However, non-member who make donations may obtain the forms from the attendant at the candle desk. These forms must be completed and returned no later than April 1st, 1987.

The usual parish receipts issued in the course of the year cannot be used for income tax purposes - they are considered invalid.

The Church Committee reminds all parishioners that the General Parish Meeting held April 13th, 1986 - membership dues for 1987 were established:

for men	\$ 84.00 (\$ 7.00 a month)
for women	\$ 72.00 (\$ 6.00 a month)
for Sisterhood members	\$ 60.00 (\$ 5.00 a month)

Students can pay 1.00, 2.00 or 3.00 a month.

These parish dues include the dues to the Metropolia and to the Diocese, as well as the cost of the "Parish News".

R A W D O N .

July 27 - After the Divine Liturgy, which was celebrated by Archbishop Sylvester with Archimandrite Anthony, assisted by Protodeacon Gregory Maksymiuk, a commemorative ceremony and parade took place at the Monument to the Russian Soldier in our Cemetery. The Russian Chapter of the Royal Canadian Legion organizes this commemoration and parade annually. After the commemoration and the laying of the wreaths, a dinner was held in the club of the local Chapter of the Royal Legion.

Thanks to the efforts of the chairman of the Russian Chapter M.I.Vinogradov, for the duration of the summer season, the Russian national flag - white-blue-red - was flown with other national flags at Rawdon's City Hall.

The Patronal Feast - the Feast Day of the Venerable Seraphim of Sarov - was celebrated on Sunday, August 3rd. On the eve of the Feast, after Vespers, an Akathist to the Venerable Seraphim of Sarov was served before his holy relics. On the feast day itself the Divine Liturgy was followed by a Molieben and a procession of the cross around the church. These divine services were celebrated by Archbishop Sylvester

with Archimandrite Anthony and V.Rev.George Pokrowsky, assisted by Protodeacon Gregory Maksymiuk.

After the divine services a parish dinner took place at a restaurant where guests of other denominations were also present. During the meal Mr A.A.Kamminski welcomed the parishioners, guests and the many Montrealers who come for feast day.

August 24th - After the Divine Liturgy the drawing of the parish lottery took place. It was a success again this year - all the tickets had been sold.

The winners in the drawing were the following:

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| 1. Cake Plate and Server | G.Kartashov |
| 2. Chrystal Vase | A.Katyk |
| 3. Poker Set | A.Katyk |
| 4. Decorative Candle | Archbishop Sylvester |
| 5. Surprise Package | I.Kazanovitch |

These prizes were donated by: Mrs N.Volf, Mrs M.Plosky and Mrs T.Hanjenkoff.

Our deep and sincere gratitude to all who supported our lottery!

The Annual Parish Meeting of the community of St.Seraphim of Sarov was held on August 31st after the Liturgy and Panikhida at the Memorial Cross at the residence of Mr & Mrs P.Ostrowski.

In his report on the liturgical life of the community Archbishop Sylvester indicated that divine services are held regularly as follows: during the winter once a month while from May 31st - every Saturday and Sunday, as well as the feast days of Transfiguration and the Assumption, until September 7th inclusively. Protodeacon Gregory Maksymiuk, to whom deep grtitude is expressed, helped with all the services, except one Sunday. During the summer the following served here: Fr.Archimandrite Anthony, Mitred Archppriest Oleg Boldireff, V.Rev.George Pokrowsky and V.Rev.Nicholas Boldireff. During all the divine services our choir always sang under the direction of M.A.Levtchouk - to all of them we express deep gratitude and to those singers who travelled from Montreal. Deepest gratitude we express to our Financial Secretary M.V.Plosky, who is in chargr of the candle table and did not miss one service, both in the winter and summer seasons. Deep thanks of course goes to all the workers and worshippers at our Church of the Venerable Seraphim of Sarov.

After the talk given by Archbishop Sylvester, Mrs T.A.Hanjenkoff announced that the Lottery was a success again this year and that all the tickets had

been sold. Our profound gratitude goes to those who distributed our lottery tickets and especially to many who worked hard in Montreal - Mrs L.L.Getopan, our thanks for the donation of prizes and, of course, our thanks to all who bought lottery tickets.

After Mrs T.A.Hanjenkoff's talk, Mrs M.V.Plosky presented to the Assembly the financial report from September 1985 to August 1986. On behalf of the Auditing Committee, A.V.Derevjagine asked the Assembly to thank M.V.Plosky for her excellent keeping of the accounts and all the supporting documents.

After all financial accounts were given, Church Warden P.A.Ostrowski who noted that all thanks had been extended, to all parties - gave his greetings and gratitude to Archbishop Sylvester who has returned to be amongst us again. The Warden mentioned the completion of a new concrete addition at the church entrance. Old dead trees were removed; and in the future renovation a the church roof is foreseen.

The membership of the Church Committee and the Auditing Committee was almost entirely re-elected:

Church Warden	P.A.Ostrowski
Assistant to the Church Warden	V.I.Tschernomor
Financial Secretary	M.V.Plosky
Protocol Secretary	L.L.Kroutchinina
Committee Members:	A.M.Clausen
	M.N.Hanjenkoff
	T.A.Hanjenkoff
	H.F.Kotiuga
	A.P.Kritzeniuk
	G.P.Levtchouk
	N.I.Melnikov
	A.G.Ostrowski
	N.A.Rudakiw
Auditing Committee:	A.V.Derevjaguine
	M.A.Levtchouk
	V.P.Tschernomor

In current events a question of increasing membership dues was brought up. Archbishop Sylvester pointed out that many "Rawdoners" are, in fact, members at St.Peter & St.Paul Cathedral - they presently pay membership dues in Rawdon - so that perhaps it might be better to leave their dues as they are, and, suggest to those who don't show up as real Montreal members - whether or not to double their

dues, or have them make some sort of additional contribution to the Church.

The question of possibly constructing a wing (or canteen), intended to receive travellers, who want to attend Liturgy and spend time at the Cemetery, which could provide as a tea room. Archbishop Sylvester said he would consider this proposal: which might include enlarging his home by adding a wing, large enough for some kind of library where people could stop off and take a break. These are the main projects for consideration by the Church Committee in the futur.

Rawdon - Winter season: Liturgies during wintertime will be held once a month. On October 5th in the Church, and from November in the chapel of the former skete.

Divine services will be held in Rawdon on the following dates:

November 9th February 8th

December 14th March 14th

January 11th April 26th

Regular summer services will resume on May 30th and 31st.

SISTERHOOD

On September 7th the Sisterhood began its regular Sunday coffee.

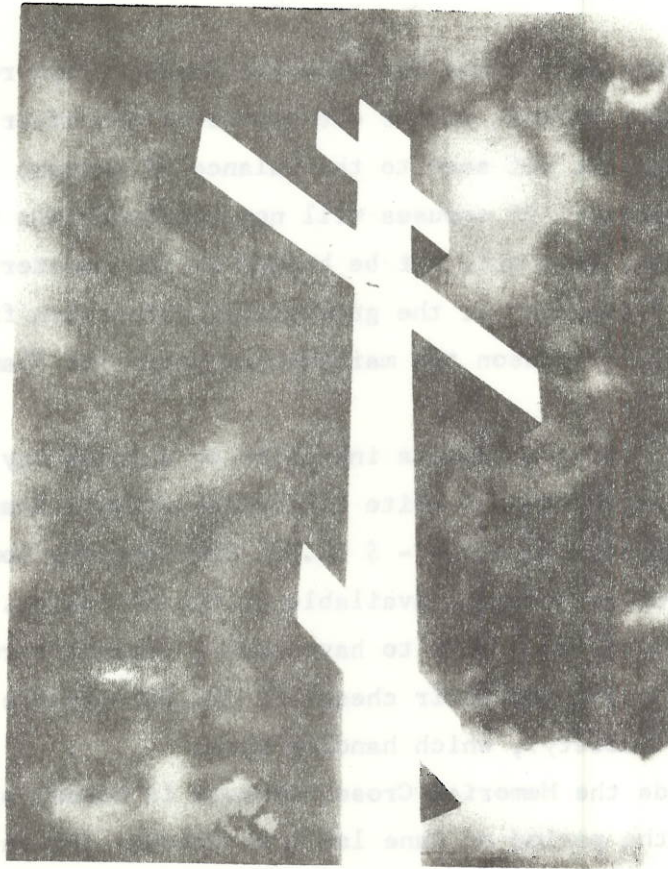
On November 23rd - the traditional Pre-Christmas Dinner-Bazaar is taking place again. We strongly request all parishioners to remember this date and to come and support this event and also to invite their friends and acquaintances. Your participation is our church's main support and everyone is welcome...

Reminder to all Sisters that on September 28th and November 9th the the General Meeting of the Sisterhood is taking place, we need your presence. Please remember to attend on these dates.

November 30th - After Divine Liturgy - Requiem for all departed sisters will be performed.

December 7th - Day of St. Great Martyr Catherine. This year our feast day falls on Sunday. After the Liturgy and Molieben of thanksgiving for all sisters - we will gather in the small hall for a light lunch and celebrate our sisterhood's nameday.

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**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CEMETERY
IN RAWDON**

August 24th after the Liturgy the Cemetery Committee held a meeting. Archbishop Sylvester and M.N.Hanjenkoff gave reports on the condition of our Cemetery. Next year is our Cemetery's 25th anniversary; this event will be recognized together with that of our patronal feast day of St.Seraphim of Sarov, which will be marked on Sunday August 2nd.

Our Cemetery to date consists of 24 gravesites, which are without a caretaker. To date the cost of maintenance has been carried by the Benefit Society, the Sisterhood, and the Cemetery Committee - unclaimed graves. Thanks to T.A. Kruspel's will 10 of these gravesites are covered for by the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. The Cemetery Committee has confirmed the decision whereby any further sale of gravesite will include maintenance costs as well. This is such that now the value of a gravesite for our parishioners and for members of the Russian Chapter of the Royal Legion is \$ 750.00, for all other - \$ 850.00. All those having procured a gravesite, please delay no longer your payment of \$ 500.00, now for in ensures continuous grave maintenance in the future. This payment is tax deductible.

There are several intances whereby the wife (or husband) has reserved 2 gravesites in view of future burial. Either one spouse or the other has already away, but their partner has not yet seen to the balance of payment for their gravesite, or their maintenance. If spouses will not conclude this transaction within a 5 year space, then, they will not be buried in our Cemetery.

Several people have "lampadas" at the gravesites, which burn from June 1st - to October 1st. For the 1987 season the maintenance value for "lampada" will be \$ 50.00

Anyone interested in having a lampada installed on a grave may arrange this through the Cemetery Committee. A white (imitation silver) lampada costs \$ 70.00; a yellow (imitation gold) costs - \$ 80.00. The Cemetery Committee still has a few white & yellow lampadas available at the old price.

Those who are alone, who would like to have such a lampada burning on their grave in the future may bring their cheque (\$ 700.00) payable to the CHARITY FUND (the Benefit Society), which handles this.

At our Cemetery stands the Memorial Cross Monument in memory of all those killed and tortured. For the period of June 1st - to October 1st an "eternal flame" burns before the Memorial Cross Monument. The maintenance of the Memorial Cross Monument and the "eternal flame" costs our Cemetery \$ 170.00 annually. His Eminence Archbishop Sylvester appeals to all who hold dear and do not forget all those tortured and killed by a godless regime to contribute to the defrayal of these expenses. We ask that these donations be habed to Archbishop Sylvester (cheques should be made out to the CHARITY FUND).

DONATIONS:

In memory of the late Mr D.A.Lebedeff - from X.Barrett, A.Katyk, A.& J. Kritzeniuk, L.Kroutchinina, V.& M.Plosky, O.Spoov, M.& T.Hanjenkoff - to Benefit Society (Charity Fund).

In memory of the late Mrs A.E.Katyk - from X.Barrett, A.& I.Dereviaguine, M.& T.Hanjenkoff, G.& M.Kartashov, E.Kulik, L.Kroutchinina, H.Lebedeff, G.& N. Novoseltzeff, V.& M.Plosky, O.Spoov, Rev.A.Smirensky, G.Trush, O.Zaitzevsky, Laboratory personel of St.Justine's Hospital - to the Benefit Society (Charity Fund).

The Memorial Fund - in memory of the late Mrs A.E.Katyk from Mrs K.Orlovsky

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ENVELOPES TO HELP REGULARLY THE CHURCH. In order to help parishioners support the parish regularly, again we will make available weekly offering envelopes. These serve as weekly reminders that the church is in need of our support regularly - on Sundays when we must be away from church, during the summer months when we go on vacation - and we hope that ALL parishioners will respond to this appeal for regular financial support!

Archbishop Sylvester in one of his sermons said: "Remember, that those who come to church buy candles, donate to the collection, very often donate to the Building Fund, to the Benefit Society and to others purposes. But you at the same time are at home busy with other things and you are not thinking about all this... to those these envelopes are a help not to forget their church... if you have to stay for different reasons at home on Sundays and Feast days, try to pray to God, read the Holy Gospel and put in these envelopes your donation to your parish..."

The box will contain 52 dates envelopes for each of the Sundays, and also special envelopes for Holy Days and extra needs. When you are in church put your envelope on the plate "for the church", when you are unable to attend the service give your envelope to some one who will be in church, so this person will put your envelope for you on the plate or do it the next time when you come yourself to church.

In 1986 only 1/5 of our parishioners were using these envelopes. The Most Reverend Archbishop Sylvester and the Church Committee expresses to them deep gratitude.

Please think about ALL of this... Do you now give to the Church as much as you really want to give? Are you aware that the expenses incurred through operating a parish - salaries, taxes, bills for electricity, gas, unsurance etc. - continue the year-round, even if you are away from the church?

If you do decide that you want to support the parish more regularly and want a set of envelopes, please ask the Most Reverend Archbishop Sylvester or sign your name at the candle desk.

"REMEMBER, O LORD, THOSE WHO BRING
OFFERING AND DO GOOD WORKS IN THY
HOLY CHURCH...AND THOSE WHO REMEM-
BER THE POOR...AND UPON ALL OF US
SEND FORTH THY MERCY."

Divine Liturgy Prayer.

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As in previous years, the first number of "Parish News" (the Christmas number) will contain a "Season's Greetings" section. The costs of a greeting is \$ 5.00, half a page costs \$ 10.00 - a whole page - costs \$ 15.00.

Christmas greetings must be sent to the editor of the "Parish News" no later than the 15th of December.

The editors of the "Parish News" with this are sending a statement which must be filled out by the recipients and readers of the "News". The "Parish News" is distributed to the parishioners of the Cathedral free of charge (its cost is included in the membership dues). We ask those who are not actual members of the parish for a donation as a subscription. Especially, we ask them to report changes of address, and to include or correct the postal code if it was not shown or shown incorrectly. This has now become obligatory for all postal deliveries.

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AID TO THE FAITHFUL IN RUSSIA

CHARITY FUND
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Montréal Québec
H2L 2R7 CANADA

This year marks the 25th year since the Russian Student Christian Movement began its "Aid to the Faithful in Russia." Cyril Alexandrovitch Eltchaninoff tells us how this project started:

"Many Moscovites undoubtedly still remember how 25 years ago, at a French exhibition in Sokolniki (a suburb of Moscow), they had the impression of being not so much in France as in Russian Paris.

"We, the French guides and interpreters, also remember this meeting, for many of us our first encounter with Russia and its people.

"I remember how Mikoyan's secretary ran back and forth through the exhibition hall crying out with indignation: 'This is intolerable; everywhere you look you see Russian emigres!' adding, 'I thought we had drowned them all in the Black Sea!' She was forced to concede that many had succeeded in swimming to safety and had even managed to increase their numbers!..

"I worked in the literature and philosophy section of the book pavilion. Since most of the exhibition visitors did not know French, the first few days were very quiet. On the third or fourth day, after a few skirmishes instigated by professional agitators in the hall, the visitors understood that I was a Russian from Paris and they started to question me about Russian emigration to the West. Very soon after, forgetting that we were at a French exhibition, I found myself having to give a whole series of lectures on Russian organizations abroad, the fate of philosophers and writers who had fled or been expelled from the USSR in 1922, the Theological Institute, and the Russian Student Christian Movement; in short subjects that had little to do with French culture. General conversations often continued in private. Invitations followed, meetings were held; sometimes there were night-time strolls around Moscow that lasted until dawn. It must be remembered that all this took place during the short period of the Krushchev thaw.

"It is interesting to note that many visitors knew Russian emigré poetry and literature far better than I did and were surprised that, even though I lived in

Paris, I was unable to answer many of their questions. Conversations also dealt with religious subjects; we were often asked for copies of the New Testament. The seven copies I brought with me quickly disappeared. I had to promise that on my return to Paris I would try, somehow or other, to send more. Many spoke of the persecution of the Church, asking that this information be disseminated in the West. I remember how one priest, who had been ousted from his parish and was now a forgotten and frightened man, told me about the closing of churches on a massive scale and of the tragic effect this had on the lives of priests and their families.

"It didn't occur to me that I was not fulfilling my primary responsibility; I was hardly speaking about France, but more and more I was getting involved with believers who were coming to me to describe the unfortunate condition of the Church. However, around the tenth day of the exhibition (it lasted three weeks) the Moscow evening paper - Vechernaya Moskva - published a long article accusing me of dispensing anti-Soviet propaganda and for being an agitator. The French exhibition staff became quite concerned and asked me to refrain from speaking even privately on subjects that were unrelated to French culture...

"The article in the Moscow evening paper had the opposite effect; the number of interesting discussions on "Russia abroad" grew rapidly... Many people gave me their addresses, requesting books or expressing a desire to correspond with me. I'll describe two or three of these conversations:

"One day a respectable, elderly man came up to me and asked if I had any anti-religious pamphlets. When I said I didn't, he asked if I had a Koran. I didn't have that either. Then, in a barely audible whisper, this man (whom I later learned was a serious scholar) asked me for a New Testament. I gave him the last one I had. We met several times more, and he told me about the years he had spent in concentration camps and how in his position he could not attend the same church twice in a row. Dressing as modestly as possible, he would drive out of town every Sunday to attend Divine services in different parishes...

"Another time, one of the cleaning staff at the exhibition approached me and also asked for a New Testament, saying she had never read one because she could never get hold of a copy. The next day, her eyes brimming with tears, she told me how she had stayed up all night reading...

"Several times I had the opportunity of attending liturgy in crowded churches. Once, on a free day, I decided to go outside the city to have a

look at the Russian countryside. Strilling about, I came upon a church where a Liturgy was in progress. I had hardly crossed the road when some elderly women attacked me, shouting, 'We'll kill you, we'll stone you to death!' evidently taking me for a Soviet official arriving to break up the service. At the end of the Liturgy, observing that I took Communion, they attacked me again, this time with tears in their eyes, and hugged me so hard that I had difficulty extricating myself from their embraces!

"I returned home to Paris with hundreds of addresses of people to whom I had promised books. But I had neither the ways nor the means to deliver these books. The only solution was to give lectures on the condition of the faithful in Russia and to insist on the absolute necessity of helping them.

"That is how our work began 25 years ago. And so you see, the idea of helping Christians living in the USSR was an offshoot of our participation in the French exhibition in Moscow in 1961.

"After giving approximately 30 lectures in France and in Western European countries on the persecution of believers in the USSR, and after collecting a modest sum of money from members of the RSCM, the big question remained-how to deliver the Russian books I had promised. Obviously not by mail. However, I did begin to send French books by mail to correspondents who knew French - in the sixties this was still possible; these books did reach their destinations.

"I will not describe how Russian books were delivered in the past nor how they are delivered today... I'll only say that delivery has been possible thanks to the efforts of people of goodwill who are much more numerous than I had expected. Miracles were performed and continue to be performed not only by heroic people but often by the most modest and inconspicuous people. Thanks to numerous connections, we were able to establish over the years a whole network of carriers - people who were convinced that we must further the spiritual and mental liberation of the oppressed Russian people. An easier task was finding the funds to buy books. In this regard, those who have helped the most are members of the R.S.C.M., followed by church groups, both Orthodox and Roman Catholic. Many Catholic and Protestant church organizations have now been supporting our work for twenty years.

"A few years ago, without prior notice and certainly without invitation, two gentlemen from the USSR appeared at my door. They were both journalists from the newspaper Izvestia who also held high positions in the KGB. They were very curious about how we were delivering books to the USSR and our reasons for being involved in this work. I had to explain to them that I would gladly give up sending these

books if they were published in the Soviet Union... both replied with mock sadness that in their country there wasn't sufficient paper for this purpose. Later, two detailed accounts of this visit appeared in Izvestia. I was very flattered by the attention of these two journalists and thanked them for the publicity they were giving our work inside Russia itself!

"In the seventies, we were forced to broaden our work to include the sending of medicine, clothing, and financial aid to believers and for the religious underground press.

"In addition, we established a documentation division and a photo library to provide information to westerners and the western press on the persecution of the faithful in the USSR; we held exhibitions, gave lectures, and published a bulletin in both Russian and French (circulation - 8,500 copies). Radio and television broadcasts served the same purpose. Branches were formed in a number of countries.

"Several hundred people in Western Europe and America have been drawn into our work.

"Thank goodness we aren't the only ones trying to help Christians in Russia! We are working hand in hand with a whole gamut of Christian organizations, inspired by more or less the same goals. Unfortunately the need for religious and philosophical writing far exceeds our capability to deliver. There is one solution - to further and develop our work. To do this, those who are in a position to deliver books and parcels to the USSR must join in our common cause. Moreover, we must keep on speaking and writing, giving factual data on the current state of affairs of believers in the USSR and, above all, we must not fall into the Soviet propaganda trap. We need to spread the word that the policy of Soviet leaders cannot repudiate Marxist dogma which holds that in the building of Communism, religion will of necessity die off and eventually disappear. Its ultimate disappearance is therefore only a question of time. Since the natural demise of religion is a slow process, Soviet leadership actively contributes to the acceleration of this process.

"Moreover, we must not be lulled into complacency by the fact that with the approach of the 1,000th anniversary of Russia's conversion to Christianity, the authorities may declare a temporary truce. This truce, if indeed it does come about, will only be a tactical diversion on the road to even greater suppression of the Church and even greater use of it for the authorities' own purposes."

Cyril Eltchaninoff

LETTERS FROM RUSSIA

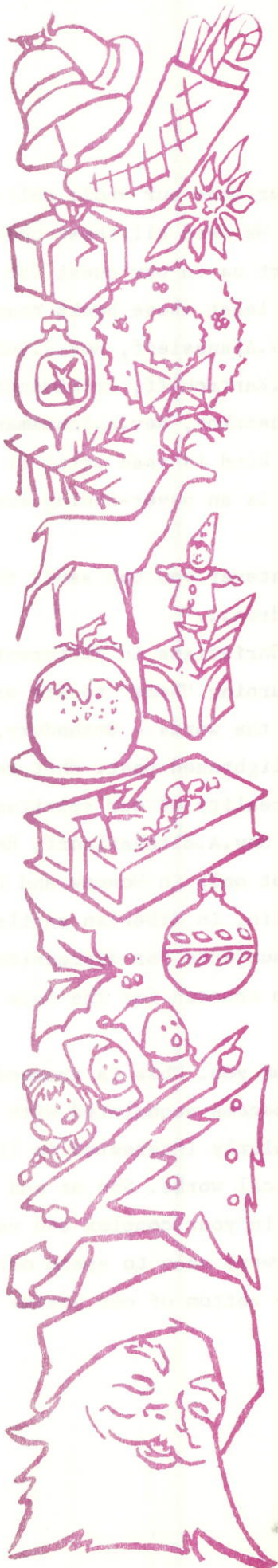
"...However, food for the mind - that which now nourishes our whole religiously-oriented intelligentsia-can only come from you. We need all those books (excuse our boldness), but primarily authors that support us in our quest for a religiously-based, national direction for Russia, or at least those books that deal with the questions which concern us the most. Rev.N.Afanasieff, Rev.S.Bulgakoff, V.Veidle, B.Vycheslavitzeff, Rev.A.Eltchaninoff, A.Kartacheff, Archimandrite Kiprian, J.Koncevich, S.Levitzky, K.Motchoulsky, E.Troubetzkoy, Rev.A.Schmemmann, L.Chestoff, V.Rozanoff, G.Fedotov... Every book of this kind is read until it is in shreds; poetry is typad and retyped; sometimes there is an never-ending stream of people waiting in line to read..."

"... And of course, books for children. Any kind-whatever you can send; there are hardly any books available, but there are many children..."

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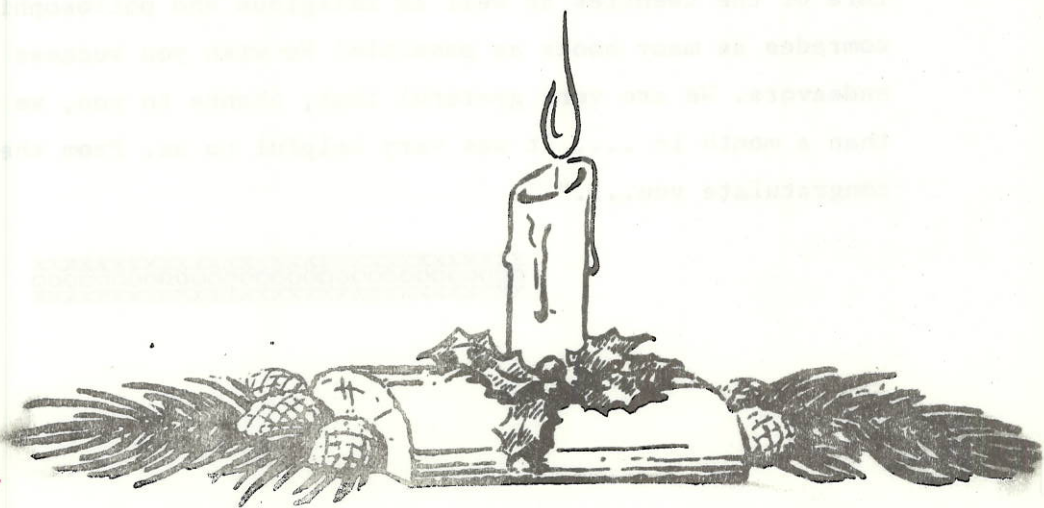
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	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
2nd Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
8th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
9th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
15th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
16th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
1st Friday	The Council of the Holy Archangel Michael Divine Liturgy and Molieben.....	10:30 a.m.
2nd Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
23rd Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
29th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
30th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
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3rd Wednesday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.

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6th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
7th Sunday	St.Catherine the Martyr Divine Liturgy and Molieben.....	10:30 a.m.
13th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
14th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
19th Friday	Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia Divine Liturgy and Molieben.....	10:30 a.m.
20th Saturday	Vespers and General Confession.....	7:00 p.m.
21st Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
27th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
28th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
31st Wednesday	Molieben to the New Year.....	7:00 p.m.
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3rd Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
4th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
6th Tuesday	Eve of Christmas Royal Hours. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St.Basil the Great..... Great Compline and Matins..	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
7th Wednesday	NATIVITY OF CHRIST Divine Liturgy of St.John Chrysostom.....	10:30 a.m.
8th Thursday	Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
10th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
11th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.

13th	Tuesday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
14th	Wednesday	Circumcision of our Lord. St.Basil the Great Divine Liturgy of St.Basil the Great.....	10:30 a.m.
16th	Friday	Royal Hours - Eve of Theophany.....	10:00 a.m.
17th	Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
18th	Sunday	Eve of Theophany Divine Liturgy of St.John Chrysostom, Vespers and Blessing of Water..... Great Compline and Matins.....	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
19th	Monday	HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Divine Liturgy of St.Basil the Great and Blessing of Water.....	10:30 a.m.
20th	Tuesday	Synaxis of St.John the Forerunner Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
24th	Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
25th	Sunday	Holy Martyr Tatiana Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
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<u>F e b r u a r y</u>			
1st	Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
7th	Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
8th	Sunday	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
12th	Thursday	Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs Divine Liturgy and Molieben.....	10:30 a.m.
14th	Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
15th	Sunday	MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE Sunday of the Prodigal Son Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.

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