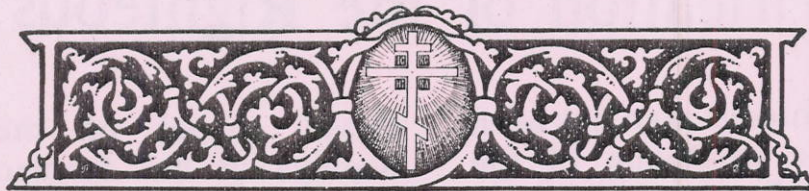


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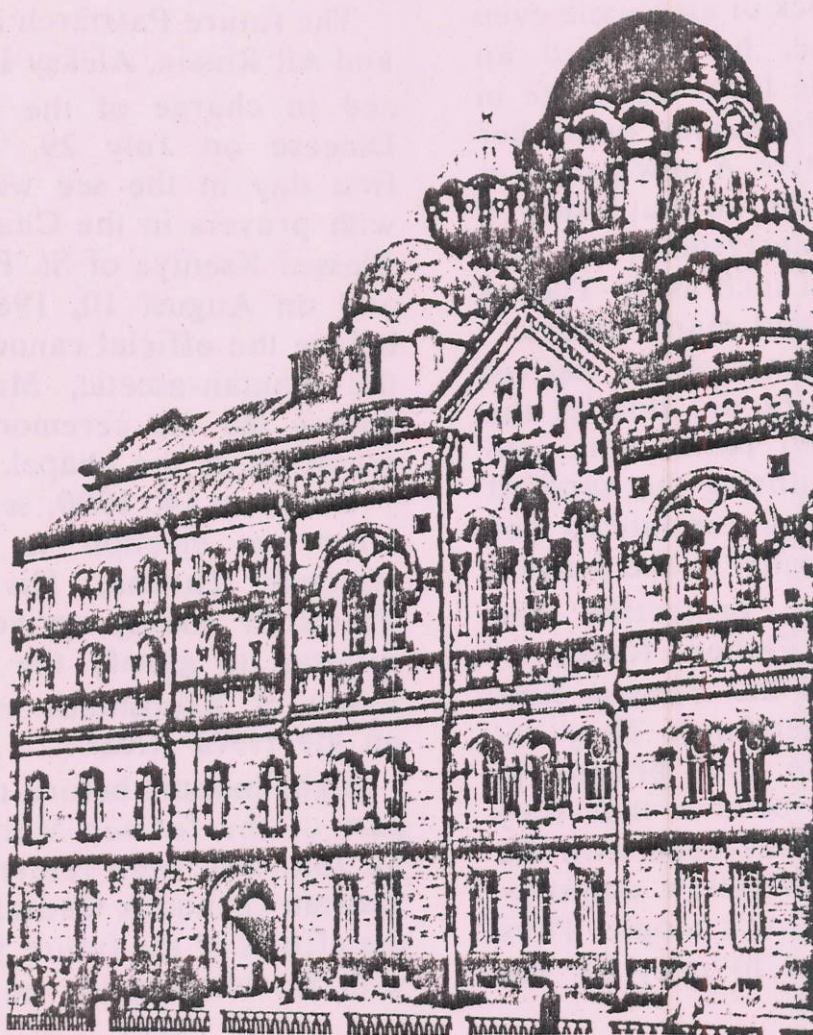
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ST. IOANN'S CONVENT ON KARPOVKA RIVER IN LENINGRAD

Founded by Ioann the Righteous of Kronshtadt in 1902 and consecrated in honour of his heavenly patron, St. Ioann of Rila. Returned to the Russian Orthodox Church in the beginning of 1990

The Glorification of the Righteous Ioann

Another righteous man has been entered in the catalogue of the saints of the Russian Orthodox Church. No, not another, but the only one of his type—an ascetic nearest to us in earthly time; there are still people among us who saw him in the streets of St. Petersburg in their early childhood or heard from their parents or relatives about a great man of prayer, the merciful Father Ioann of Kronshtadt. Proclaimed to be a saint by the flock of all Russia even in his lifetime, he signalled an end of a whole historical stage in the life of Holy Russia, being her last representative. A new period in the life of the Church that followed was that of martyrdom, of witnesses of Christ such as St. Tikhon the Patriarch and many others.

The descendants of the natives of St. Petersburg did not let the memory of their pastor sink into oblivion. Even during the harshest times they neither renounced nor betrayed their belief in the prayerful intercession, protection and patronage of Father Ioann of Kronshtadt and the Blessed Kseniya of St. Petersburg. They remembered them and prayed to them. And we believe that they still continue to intercede with the Creator for their fellow countrymen and for all God's people. Thus the faithful went to pray by the

closed chapel of the Blessed Kseniya at the Smolensk cemetery; they also went to the walls of St. John's Monastery on the river Karpovka to pray to Father Ioann by the windows of the crypt which was turned into the headquarters of civil defence. Some pious hand had carved an Orthodox cross on the granite facing over the basement window through which the pilgrims tried to catch a sight of the tomb of their beloved father.

The future Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Aleksy II, was placed in charge of the Leningrad Diocese on July 29, 1986. His first day in the see was marked with prayers in the Chapel of the Blessed Kseniya of St. Petersburg, and on August 10, 1987, a year before the official canonization of the woman-ascetic, Metropolitan Aleksy led the ceremonious consecration of the chapel.

On June 14, 1990, several days after his election to the Patriarchal Throne, His Holiness Patriarch Aleksy arrived in Leningrad to glorify the Righteous Ioann of Kronshtadt in the city on the Neva River.

Eight months before this event, part of the former Monastery of St. John had been returned to the Russian Orthodox Church through the efforts of the future Patriarch; with his blessing the nuns of the

Pukhtitsa Convent under the supervision of Hegumenia Varvara and Sister Georgia started the restoration of the cloister. By the time of the canonization of Father Ioann by the Local Council on June 8, a small church was already open, which was originally consecrated in 1903 by Archpriest Ioann Sergiev himself in honour of his heavenly patron St. John of Rila and reconsecrated by Metropolitan Aleksy of Leningrad and Novgorod in time for the feast of the saint on November 1, 1989. The small domestic church designed for monastic daily services could not accommodate all the city clergy not to mention the faithful who had arrived for the occasion. The crypt was restored only partially and the large upper-storey Church of the Twelve Apostles had just begun to be restored. That is why the glorification solemnities took place in the open air. By the very wall to which the faithful used to come secretly to pray, a wide wooden platform was built and covered with carpets. Two large icons were placed on the lecturn: an ancient icon of the Saviour and a new one of the newly-canonized St. Ioann. And it was there that His Holiness Patriarch Aleksy and co-officiating hierarchs, the choir of the Leningrad clergy, and after them the congregation of Christians, for the first time, conciliarly and openly, for the whole country to hear, confessed him a saint: "O St. Ioann the Righteous, pray unto God for us!"

A great number of the faithful of Leningrad and its environs, as well as of other cities, crowded the narrow embankment in front of the monastery, the bridge and the other bank of the Karpovka River; the dwellers of the opposite houses opened wide their windows, the young ones climbed up the roofs, for everyone wanted to see, and to miss nothing. The dreary rain which had been drizzling all day long ceased just before the service started, the clouds scattered and the sun came out.

At 6 p. m. the bell on the temporary belfry of the monastery rang out to announce the approach of His Holiness Patriarch Aleksy. He was solemnly met by the fully vested hierarchs, who had participated in the glorification of St. Ioann and by the clergy of the city cathedrals. His Holiness the Patriarch came out of his car and proceeded to the monastery entrance blessing crowds of the faithful. At the entrance His Holiness was met with bread and salt and flowers by Hegumenia Varvara and Sister Georgia with the sisters of the podvorye.

After vesting in the sanctuary of the Church of St. John, His Holiness Patriarch Aleksy, accompanied by the venerable hierarchs and the clergy, went onto the platform and took his place before the lecturn. Silence set in. Everyone stood still and waited. The traffic stopped in the streets near the cloister. Then His Holiness Patriarch Aleksy intoned:

"The Act of the Holy Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church on canonization of our righteous Father Ioann of Kronshtadt the Miracle Worker." His words amplified by the microphones resounded throughout the vicinity.

After the reading of the Act and the blessing of the saint's icon, a solemn moleben was conducted to the newly-canonized saint of God. Silence fell again as His Holiness the Patriarch began to read the prayer:

"O great saint of Christ, O holy and righteous Father Ioann of Kronshtadt, a wonderful pastor, quick helper and merciful intercessor, in praising the Triune God thou didst appeal prayerfully: 'Thy Name is Love, do not renounce me who has gone astray; Thy Name is Power, strengthen me for I am weakening and falling; Thy Name is Light, illumine my soul which is being darkened by earthly passions; Thy Name is Peace, pacify my stormy soul; Thy Name is Mercy, do not cease to have mercy upon me.' Today the flock of all Russia, grateful for thy intercessions, is praying to thee, O Christian and righteous saint of God. Protect us weak sinners with thy love; help us to offer worthy fruits of repentance and receive Christ's sacraments...."

Again and again the concerted choir of the Leningrad clergy began and the people took up the praises to St. Ioann of Kronshtadt.

Finally the protodeacon's bass chanted *Many Years* to His Holiness Patriarch Aleksy with his God-saved flock of all Russia, our country, its authorities and the armed forces, and all the Orthodox Christians.

Then His Holiness Patriarch Aleksy addressed the congregation with his primatial speech.

"Most holy archpastors and worthy pastors, dear brothers and sisters, dear residents of the city on the Neva, I congratulate all of you on this ecclesiastical occasion—the glorification of a great saint of God, the holy and righteous Ioann of Kronshtadt. Offering him fervent prayers we trust that he will always intercede for all who pray to him, for our Holy Church, for our Motherland, and for everyone who will turn to him with faith and hope for assistance and intercession.

"For the first time in many years we have gathered today by the walls of St. John's Monastery. Ever since the burial of St. Ioann of Kronshtadt people have been coming here to venerate the place of his repose and ask for his prayerful intercession on their life's path. This cloister suffered ruin and neglect but the path to the holy place of the great saint's burial has never been overgrown with weeds, for God's people have brought flowers, lit candles and prayed here for his blessing.

"Through God's mercy the hard times for the Christian Church have passed. Holy cloisters and churches are being reopened today. Lighted again is the icon-lamp by the burial-vault of St. Ioann of Kronshtadt in the Monastery of St. John. Monastic life is renewing in the cloister and divine services are being held. We have already consecrated the Church of St. John of Rila. Gradually the upper-storey Church of the Twelve Apostles will be restored. Today for the first time the burial vault in the crypt of St. John's Monastery will be opened to worshippers. Much has to be done yet to renovate the cloister and restore it to its former beauty.

"In blessing of St. John's Monastery, I want to present it with an ancient holy icon of the Saviour before which we conducted a moleben today. I want to bless with this icon all of you gathered here today to glorify St. Ioann of Kronshtadt. May our Lord the Saviour, through the prayers of our father St. Ioann of Kronshtadt, keep you all in peace, love, health, well-being and mutual tolerance. We must help each other and then mercy and charity will come back into our lives. We should remember and care for the sick, the lonely, the infirm and the old, those in need of human solicitude, protection, compassion and charity. These virtues were manifested in his life, in his pastoral service, by St. Ioann

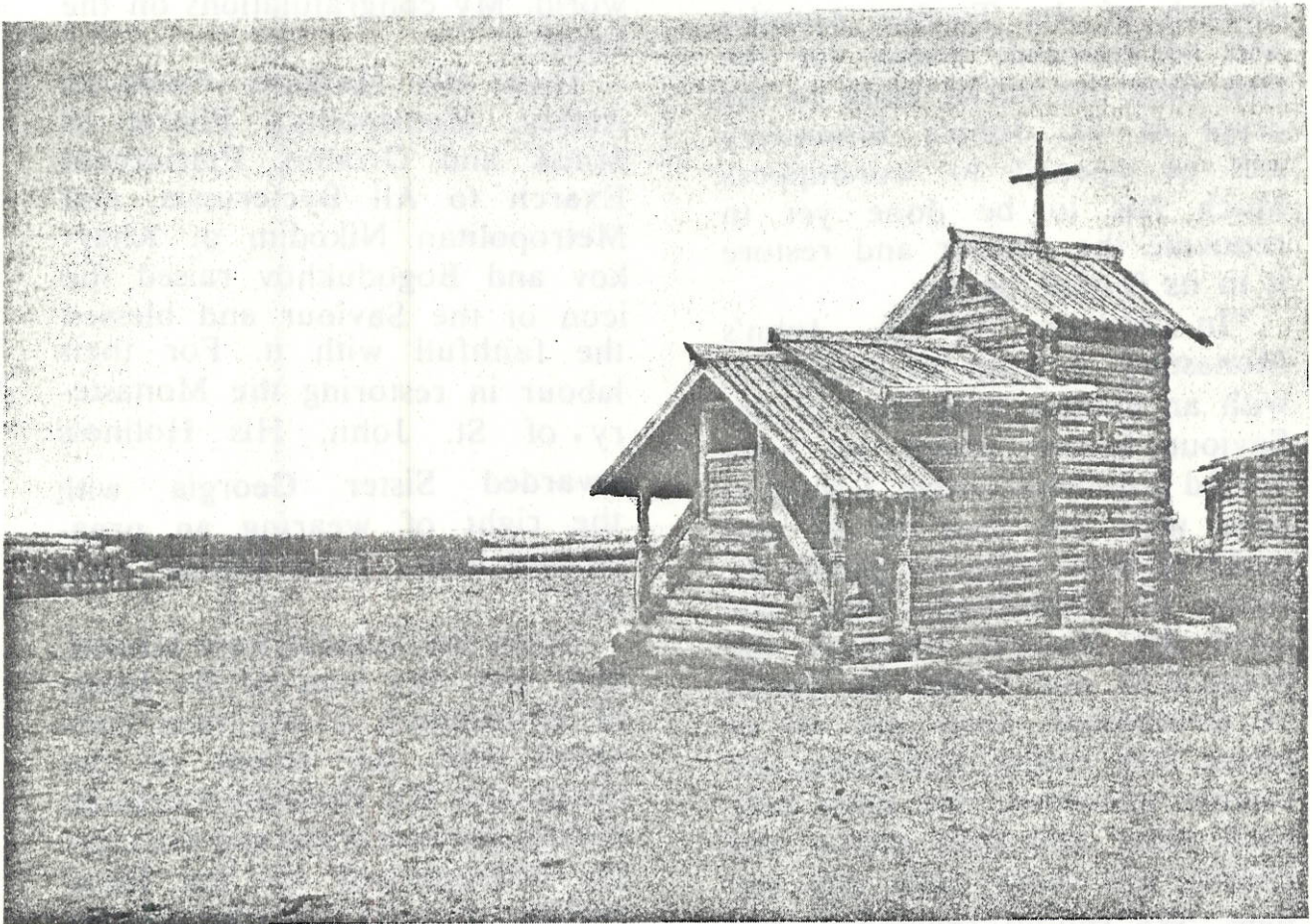
of Kronshtadt, whom we are prayerfully and solemnly glorifying today.

"May the Lord bless you all through his holy prayers to increase in goodness, righteousness, spiritual perfection and growth in the Lord. I congratulate you all once again on this solemn ecclesiastical occasion in our glorious city, an occasion for all our Russian Orthodox Church, for the entire Orthodox world. My congratulations on the feast!"

Then His Holiness Patriarch Aleksy, Metropolitan Filaret of Minsk and Grodno, Patriarchal Exarch to All Byelorussia, and Metropolitan Nikodim of Kharkov and Bogodukhov raised the icon of the Saviour and blessed the faithful with it. For their labour in restoring the Monastery of St. John, His Holiness awarded Sister Georgia with the right of wearing an ornamented cross. Then "Axios" rang out.

Again the faithful were blessed, now with the icon of St. Ioann of Kronshtadt; it was then conveyed into the hands of the clergy and His Holiness Patriarch Aleksy, the hierarchs and the clergy, accompanied by the festal pealing of bells and the singing of hymns to the saint, entered the monastery buildings and descended into the crypt to pay homage to the burial place of our Father Ioann. In the meantime the Vespers began in the Church of St. John....

"A lamp of faith and piety, a man of prayer, let us the faithful praise to God, in spiritual songs and hymns, St. Ioann the righteous pastor of Kronshtadt, whom Christ has glorified with many miracles and wonderfully manifested to the Russian Church" (sticheron at Little Vespers, tone 2).



Chapel of St. Paraskeva built on the site of the house where Father Ioann was born. Photo of 1891

The Patronal Fest Day of our Cathedral - the day of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul fell on a Friday this year. On Thursday evening Vespers was celebrated by His Grace Bishop Seraphim. Divine Liturgy and Molieben was celebrated next day, by Bishop Seraphim, Archbishop Sylvester, co-celebrated by Archimandrite Father Anthony, Father Cyril, hieromonk Father Ireney, Father George and Protodeacon Gregory Maksymiuk.

After the Liturgy and Molieben everyone was invited to a common meal prepared by the efforts of our Sisterhood. During the meal Archbishop Sylvester congratulated all those many parishioners of our Cathedral whose name's day it was. He expressed gratitude to our choir and Sisterhood, who in spite of summer trips and its being a working day, had labored much in order that our name-day feast would go very well. Church Warden A.A.Kaminski expressed his greetings and congratulations to parishioners and gasts.

July 14th - Divine Liturgy held at St.Seraphim's in Rawdon celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Sylvester, together with Rt.Rev.Oleg Boldireff, serbian priest V.Rev.Christo Rikic and Protodeacon Gregory Maksymiuk.

After the Liturgy a commemorative ceremony and parade took place at the Monument to the Russian Soldier in our Cemetery.

After the commemoration and the laying of the wreaths, a dinner was held in the club of the local Chapter of the Royal Legion.

THE PARISH COUNCIL reminds all parishioners of the AUTUMN PARISH DINNER to be held Sunday, October 20th, following the Divine Liturgy in the parish halls.

During the PARISH DINNER the drawings for our Lottery will be held. Please make an effort to sell the lottery tickets you have received. Do not forget about this!

From September 8th, the Sisterhood wishes everyone to know that sunday coffee and service has resumed once again in the church hall.

This year the Pre-Christmas DINNER-BAZAAR takes place on November 24th. We strongly urge all parishioners not to forget this date to come and support this event and also to invite their friends and acquaintances.

RAWDON

Parish Feastday in Rawdon - the Feast Day of the Venerable Seraphim of Sarov - was celebrated on Sunday, August 4 this year. On the eve, after Vespers, an Akathist Hymn was celebrated before the relic of St. Seraphim. On the day of the feast, Divine Liturgy and Molieben were celebrated, followed by the procession of the cross around the church. The services were celebrated by His Grace Bishop Seraphim and Archbishop Sylvester, and co-celebrants Rt. Rev. Oleg Boldireff, V. Rev. Nicholas Boldireff, Rev. Hieromk Raphael and Protodeacon Gregory Maksymiuk. The responses by the local choir were strengthened by those who had come from Montreal.

After Liturgy, the parish dinner was held in a restaurant; the local Mayor and catholic preists were in attendance. From time to time, Archbishop Sylvester addressed the hall expressing gratitude to those in attendance who participated in the activities, noting Mrs Maria Levchouk particularly, congratulating her on her namesday as well as gratitude for having taken all dinner arrangements upon herself. Short addresses were made by Mr G. Levitchouk, the town Mayor, the catholic priests, Mr A.A. Kaminski and Mrs M.A. Levitchouk. As in years come by, Mr & Mrs P. Kamel co-ordinated the trip to Rawdon from Montreal by hired coach.

The local society thanks everyone who was in attendance at our Patron Saint Holiday, and hopes that our small church in honour of St. Seraphim of Sarov will be remembered this way continuoosly.

This year, in marking our patron saints feasday, it is praygrfully and joyfully we join our gladness to that of the faithful in the homeland, for the return of St. Seraphim's Holy Relic to the Church and carried to rest in Diveevo Convent, itself just recently returned to the Church.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius has received some of the relic from the Moscou Patriarchate and sent us a small, small bit which will be re-worked into St. Seraphim's Icon. In this way even our small chapel has had its part in the proceedings concerning the second consecration of St. Seraphim's relic.

Venerable Seraphim of Sarov, pray to God for us!

PARISH LOTTERY - RAWDON

August 18th - after the Liturgy the drawing of the parish lottery took place. It was a succese again this year - all the tickets had been sold.

The winners in the drawing were the following:

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| 1. Steamstress | No 1295 - Mr I. Izveriw |
| 2. Russian Samovar | No 1436 - Mr H. Sotnyk |
| 3. 5 piece Bathroom set | No 780 - Mrs H. Koshits-Lebedeff |

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| 4. All Purpose Shelf | No 78 - Mr V.Utans |
| 5. Tray | No 1155 - Miss V.Mesenzew |
| 6. Beethoven's nine Symphonies | No 860 - Miss S.Collens |

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

THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE SESSION took place on August 25th after Divine Liturgy. Committee members thanked the caretakers without whom our Cemetery would not continue to be the lovely model it is. Mr M.N.Hanjenkoff was thanked for his handling of all aspects concerning our Cemetery, which involves a good deal of financial and physical maintenance. Deepest thanks to sister Nila who not only looks after gravesite lampadas, and who assists Mr M.Hanjenkoff guerell. Our thanks to Mr Robert Levesque, who is our workman on the premises.

The Committee must consider raising prices for 1992. For further developments with be included in the next "Parish Newsletter". Until 1992 prices will remain as the average for parishioners and members of the Russian Chapter of the Royal Canadian Legion - \$ 750.00 and for all other - \$ 850.00. The cost of erecting a wooden cross at a gravesite is \$ 450.00, and \$ 700.00 for a metal one.

"Lampadas" that burn continuously from June 1st to October 1st have been placed at several gravesites. The cost of maintaining one of these outdoor lamps for the season will be \$ 50.00. Anyone wishing to acquire one may do so by contacting the Committee. The cost of an imitation silver "lampada" is \$ 85.00 and an imitation gold, \$ 100.00. Those wishing to have a continuously burning "lampada" at their own gravesite after burial may ensure that their wish is respected by remitting \$ 700.00 to the "Charity Fund." The Benefit Society will assume responsibility for this service. Remember: These prices will be in effect until Jan 1st 1992 only.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - RAWDON

The Annual Parish Meeting of the community of St.Seraphim was held on September 1st, after the Divine Liturgy and Panikhida in memory of all who died and suffered was performed before in MEMORIAL CROSS, at the presbytery.

In his talk concerning year-round church life, Archbishop Sylvester noted how services took place once a month regularly, and from June 1st, every Saturday and Sunday until September 1st, inclusive. Rt.Rev.Oleg Boldireff and Protodeacon Gregory Maksymiuk, to whom deep gratitude is expressed, helped with all the services. During the summer served here: His Grace Bishop Seraphim, V.Rev.Nicholas Boldireff, Rev. Hieromonk Raphael and V.Rev.Christo Rikic. 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 and Matushka N.V.Boldireff. And, of course, our thanks to all the workers and worshippers at our Church of the Venerable Seraphim of Sarov.

After Vladyko Sylvester's report Mrs M.V.Plosky presented to the Assembly the financial report from September 1990 to August 1991. On behalf of the Auditing Committee Mrs A.V.Dereviaguine sked the Assembly to thank M.V.Plosky for her excellent keeping of the accounts and all the supporting documents. Mrs M.V.Plosky gave notice that she would no longer be able to take responsibility as financial secretary due to her health, but would be willing to continue serving at the candle desk from time to time. Mrs N.D.Novoseltzev has been elected financial secretary, and Mrs A.M.Clausen has agreed to being assistant helper at the candle desk.

At Vladyka's suggestion, the meeting fell to the bussines of re-electing a Church Committee and Auditing Committee:

Church Warden	P.A.Ostrowski
Assistant to the Church Warden	V.I.Tschernomor
Financial Secretary	N.D.Novoseltzev
Protokol Secretary	L.L.Kroutchinina
Committee Members	A.M.Clausen
	M.N.Hanjenkoff
	A.P.Kriteniuk
	J.N.Kritzeniuk
	G.P.Levtchouk
	A.G.Ostrowski
	M.V.Plosky
	Z.N.Schapurga
Auditing Committee:	A.V.Dereviaguine
	M.A.Levtchouk
	V.P.Tschernomor

In conclusion, the question of Divine Services in Rawdon was discussed. It was decided that the Divine Liturgy would be celebrated once a month. Before cold weather sets in, the Liturgy will be celebrated in the church of St. Seraphim and afterwards in the chapel of the former skete.

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

October	6th	February	2nd
November	3rd	March	1st
December	1st	April	5th
January	5th	May	3rd

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A Saintly Return

by SERGE SCHMEMANN

Scores of priests in golden robes and thousands of believers accompanied the relics of one of Russia's most hallowed saints today on a journey back to the church from which he was hidden for more than 70 years.

Waves of elderly women in tight wool shawls pressed forward relentlessly and an old man prostrated himself in the snow as the procession of Russian Orthodox clerics, with Patriarch Aleksy II in their midst, bore the relics of St. Seraphim of Sarov in a reliquary of glistening brass from the Leningrad railroad station* to the Cathedral of the Epiphany several miles away.

Even for a church that has reclaimed an extraordinary range of positions in the five years since Mikhail S. Gorbachev's Kremlin abandoned the long Communist struggle against religion, the return of St. Seraphim's relics had a special symbolic significance for the faithful.

A monk and mystic of the early 19th century who prepared for his spiritual ministry through 25 years of solitary contemplation in a forest hut, St. Seraphim held a special place in the hearts of Russian believers. He was what Russians call a "starets," a specially revered spiritual teacher whose wisdom and counsel drew pilgrims to Sarov even in his lifetime.

A Focus of Pilgrimages

St. Seraphim died in 1833, and the Sarov monastery, near the city of Nizhny Novgorod — until recently Gorky — became a focus of constant pilgrimages. More than 200,000 believers led by Czar Nicholas II gathered in Sarov on July 19, 1903, to raise the relics of Seraphim in preparation for his canonization 10 years later.

Not long thereafter the Bolsheviks came to power, and in the 1920's the relics of St. Seraphim and of many other saints were collected by the Communists for a planned exhibition that was to mock religion. The exhibition

* "Leningrad railroad station" is in Moscow.

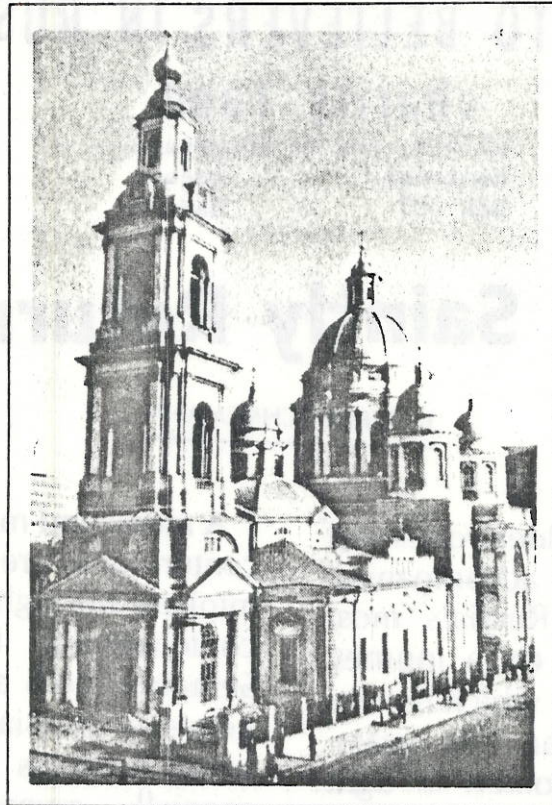


Photo by Fr. John Nehrebecki

Cathedral of the Epiphany in Moscow

was never held, and the collected relics were stored in a crypt of the Kazan Cathedral in Leningrad, which was transformed into a museum of atheism.

That St. Seraphim was among them was not known. Nuns in a convent in Deveyevo, near Sarov, believed that the relics were being hidden there.

Sarov itself "disappeared." In the 1920's the monastery was used to house war orphans, and in the 1930's it became a prison camp. On the eve of World War II, a detachment of the N.K.V.D.—predecessor of the K.G.B.—ringed the whole town with barbed wire, and it came to be known as Arzamas-16, a top-secret research center that was not even shown on maps.

It was there that Andrei D. Sakharov joined the team of physicists who built the first Soviet nuclear bomb. Dr. Sakharov, later the best known Soviet battler for human rights, lived in Arzamas-16 for 20 years. He was ejected in 1968 after he wrote his first dissident treatise, "Thoughts on Progress, Peaceful Coexistence and Intellectual Freedom," and he never returned.

City Still Off Limits

According to an article in *Komsomolskaya Pravda* last November, the city remains off limits. But the paper said the remnants of churches and monasteries still bore witness to the memory of St. Seraphim.

The relics of St. Seraphim were discovered last year when the church was given access to the crypt of the Kazan Cathedral, and a commission appointed by the Patriarch found the saint's carefully labeled relics.

The discovery was said to be something of an initial disappointment to the nuns in Deveyevo, but Patriarch Aleksy has declared that their convent will become the permanent home of the relics, at least as long as Sarov is off limits. Several of the nuns marched alongside the reliquary today.

Elsewhere in the church the discovery was hailed as a symbol of the church's renewal. The church now hopes to carry the relics in procession all the way back to Deveyevo, about 450 miles, stopping at villages and parishes along the way. The aim is to arrive at Deveyevo on Aug. 1, the saint's holy day.

That such a procession can be seriously contemplated is a measure of the strides the Russian Orthodox Church has made. By the end of 1990, more than 5,000 new parishes had been opened or reopened, almost doubling the number of functioning churches in the Soviet Union, along with more than 50 monasteries and 26 seminaries. Services have been held in the Kremlin, in St. Basil's Cathedral on

Red Square and inside Moscow University. Many parishes now offer Sunday school and adult education classes.

As another example of the changes in attitudes toward religion here, the transfer of St. Seraphim's relics was duly noted in Izvestia, the Government daily, which carried a photograph of the procession with a respectful caption.

The church's rapid expansion, however, has not been without problems. A shortage of priests has led to the ordination of many ill-prepared men, Russian nationalist groups have claimed the church for their own ends, and the Moscow Patriarchate has had to contend with challenges from Eastern Rite Catholics in the Ukraine and breakaway parishes elsewhere.

For the old women who had continued filling the churches during the years of repression, the politics and travails were far less important than trying to reach the relics of their revered "starets" and to receive one of the specially printed icons. They had never doubted that St. Seraphim would return. The challenge of the moment was to reach him. ■



Our St. John of Kronstadt Benefit Society through the efforts of Anna Saakian, Nathaly Iliesco, Ludmila Kroutchinina and their volunteers by the Easter, was able to mail two tons of clothing, food and medicine to the St. Nicholas of the Epiphany Cathedral Church in Leningrad. Archbishop Sylvester received the following letter from His Eminence Metropolitan John:

Your Eminence dear Vladyko!

May I extend thanks to Yourself and to those, who in the name of your St. John of Kronstadt Benefit Society for help to our needy parishioners.

With brotherly love in Christ

John,

Metropolitan of Leningrad and Ladoga.

From Sisterhood St. Nicholas-Epiphany Cathedral was received following letter:

Dearest Anna Saakian and Natalia Feodorova!

I am writing to you with deepest thanks from the bottom of my heart for the help you have bestowed in accomplishment of your christian obligation of love for us by sending food and clothing to the Nicolo-Bogoiavlenski Cathedral in Leningrad, it was all received in time for the glorious days of the Holy Easter - your co-missionary in humanity, I am a member of the humanity society of the Cathedral - Seraphima Nikolaievna Gribanova; I am sixty seven years old, I have had a difficult life and I have great faith in Jesus Christ which has been tested by time and circumstance of life. And now there is nothing more precious to me than being able to help mankind.

Today your help in time for the Holy Easter was most needed and indispensable, many homeless children, orphanages and the Society for Blind. Children have received nourishment and clothing, much good was done for those, who have no homes or food on a regular basis, and for all this I am still receiving letters of thanks, full of emotional acknowledgements.

And so I thank the all Merciful Lord that in you He has chosen His doers of good, for because of you and your precious help I was able to fulfill the teaching of Christ of love and kindness to mankind. Even today, people come here to the Cathedral asking if anything is left of the food or the clothing for children. This is the painful truth.

Once again thank you my dear sisters Anna and Natalia, for your dear and giving hearts. With love to you in our Risen Christ, sister Seraphima, await your reply.

Sister S.N.Gribanova

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SCHEDULE DE DIVINE SERVICES

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SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER

1st	Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:00 a.m.
7th	Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
8th	Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
11th	Wednesday	Beheading of St. John the Baptist Divine Liturgy and Panikhida.....	10:30 a.m.
12th	Thursday	St. Alexander Nevsky Divine Liturgy and Molieben.....	10:30 a.m.
14th	Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
15th	Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
20th	Friday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
21st	Saturday	THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF OUR GOD Divine Liturgy..... Vigil.....	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
22nd	Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.

26th Thursday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
27th Friday	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
28th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
29th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
30th Monday	Sophia the martyr and her 3 daughter: Faith, Love and Hope Divine Liturgy and Molieben.....	10:30 a.m.
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5th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
6th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
12th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
13th Sunday	Divine Liturgy..... Vigil.....	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
14th Monday	THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
19th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
20th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
26th Saturday	Vigil.....	7:00 p.m.
27th Sunday	Divine Liturgy.....	10:30 a.m.
<u>N o v e m b e r</u>		
1st Friday	Divine Liturgy and Molieben.....	10:30 a.m.
2nd Saturday	Demetrius Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy and Panikhida..... Vigil.....	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

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