



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor

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Happy Easter Season!! God bless you throughout the month of May—the month of the Most Holy Mother of God!

Many thanks to you for your donation! Your donation means so much here where there is such poverty—and most important—spiritual poverty, and yet where the country has a space program and so many billionaires! Fortunately for us, it is mostly the poor that we have doings with. That is itself a great Easter theme, because “though He was rich, He emptied Himself and took the form of a slave.” Thank you, that we can count on your help. You are in our daily prayers, and we will continue to pray for you!

Here is a photo for you of part of the Palm Sunday Procession here in Vladivostok.



Right now our time is concentrated on visiting the sick after Easter, and there will be lots of cures, as there was with the Apostles after Easter. People tell us about it later.

But I am also busy with buying an apartment for the Sisters in Jesus the Lord as they are planning to open their first community in Russia soon. Luckily an apartment became available on Russia Island near the university site, so we acted quickly, as it will be a first base for the sisters who are planning to work among the 100,000 students of the new federal university.

And I'm a little sad that the building we wanted to buy for the parish in Lesozavodsk now has an asking price of \$200,000, so there is no way we can afford it. Real estate prices are going up. The parish is growing, and needs more space.

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Perhaps you'll get this letter before the next issue of the *Sunrise* comes to your house. It is the 99th edition! I'm trying to figure out how to make the 100th edition special, if you have any ideas you can share with me. The deadline is about June 15.

God bless you! Thank you very much for your help!!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.