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Easter in Russia

By V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

When I was a boy in Indiana the Easter Vigil was on Saturday morning, and nobody attended but our pastor and several of us altar boys. Now, thanks to Vatican II, the Easter week has been restored to its former elegance. I'd like to show you some pictures of our Vladivostok Holy Week liturgies, beginning with Palm Sunday.



The crossbearer is Dmitri Obcharenko, already our main Sunday sacristan and acolyte for 20 years. The candlebearers are Bro Lefi Lasa and Bro Ignatz Rino.



The Reading of the Passion according to Matthew

There isn't an active synagogue in Vladivostok, and all of the seminarians said that they had never visited one, which is too bad, because attending a synagogue service helps to understand the Lord's Last Supper. This was especially a big question after the novices and I read Dr Pitre's, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* as part of the novitiate program this year. So we decided to at least hold a Seder Service in Holy Week, the Jewish service at which Jesus probably held the first Eucharist, to try to get a feel for the context. We invited parishioners, too. Here are some photos.



Russia's answer to palms is pussy willow. It begins to blossom just in time for Palm Sunday.



Fr Myron got to be the head of the family.



*Foods were prepared.
It was a pretty big family.*



Men wear "hats" at a seder.



Alyona Anisimova got to hide the bread for Elijah.

"Next year in Jerusalem!"





We are accustomed to lighting the Easter Fire indoors, because we don't want to use stairs in the dark.

Christ our Light!



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Kirill helped everybody to light their candles.

Baptism of mom and daughters



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Adults were baptized, too.

And the very last event, the blessing of the Easter foods



Oh, almost forgot—Candy for the kids to end the fast!

**Remember
“Mary Mother of God
Mission Society”
in your will.**

Five Make Simple Vows

It is a joy to make first vows after the year of novitiate. So it was even more joyful this year when five brothers took simple vows on May 9. The ceremony happened at Mass which included the blessing of their religious habits which were made in Vladivostok and which will now become their regular garments. The ceremony reminded



The five new religious, with Fr Daniel, Fr Myron, and Fr Sebastian.

them of what it means to be Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord, and what our vocation and role is in the center of the Church and her churches. After their special day, they left Russia to visit their families in their home countries, and to continue in the seminary toward ordination to the priesthood. Here is a little something about each new religious:



Brother Harben Forte, C.J.D., is from Quezon City, Philippines, born July 27, 1979. He has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, and a master’s degree in Catechetics. He enjoyed singing with the parish choir, served as sacristan, and we all appreciated him for his “golden hands”, i.e. he could repair or fix anything. He is

now studying at the SVD seminary in Tagaitai, Philippines.

Brother Jacob Dambe, C.J.D., born August 17, 1981 loved to work in the garden, happily supplying vegetables and beans for the community during his year here. He took care of the lawn near the church. He was born on South Sulawesi Island, Indonesia, but has a lot of experience in



other parts of Indonesia. He served a year as a parish catechist in Irian Jaya, New Guinea. He studied for his bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Theology in the seminary in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Brother Agustinus Brusen, C.J.D., born November 4, 1983, in

Manggarai, West Flores, Indonesia, and finished his degree in Philosophy at St Paul Seminary on Flores. He then became a Music, Sociology, and Catechetics teacher in the Senior High school in Maumere, Indonesia before coming to Russia. He enjoyed directing the novices' choir here in Vladivostok, and they had opportunities to perform in several places. He is famous for his solo rendition of "I love you more than I can say" by Leo Sayer.



Brother Ignatius Rino, C.J.D. had experience with the

Passionist order before coming to us. Born July 1, 1984 in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, he attended the Major Seminary of St Paul in Ledalero, Flores Island, where he has nearly finished his Philosophy Degree. He plays the electronic keyboard, so he regularly accompanied the novices at the Liturgy of the Hours, and when they

were giving a concert. It was great to have a musician in the house.

Brother Yohanes Marinus, C.J.D., loves soccer, and was happy to play with the kids on Saturdays at Parus Nadezhdi. He was born on August 28, 1984, in Enak, Indonesia. His parents were farmers, who instilled in the four kids "a spirit of discipline, hard work, hard study and never forget to pray, ask for His guidance and blessings." Brother Yohanes studied for a while with the Rogationists



in the Philippines, so his English is perfect, and now his Russian almost is. After the Philippines he worked as the manager of a plumbing supply store in Jakarta, but he says, "Since childhood I already had a dream--I want to become a priest one day." Now he is on the way again.

Congratulations, Newly Professed Brothers. Now we are waiting for you to finish the seminary and to be ordained, first to the diaconate, and then to the priesthood!



Our New Dryer

By Fr Daniel L Maurer, C.J.D.

In the summer of 1993 I returned home to the United States from Russia with two large suitcases of dirty laundry with me! Why? Because I learned during the summer of 1992 that I could not dry my clothes in Vladivostok because the summer was so rainy and humid (99.9% inside) that there was NO POSSIBLE WAY to dry them except to iron each item dry (every sock, waistband, everything!), which took hours upon hours.

When I arrived at my first stop San Francisco, at the home Glen and Vivian Dudro, I asked them if I could do my laundry. Vivian said, "Of course you can, but you just got here!!" Later that evening at dinner, the Dudros told me that although they already had a dryer, they had recently been given a used dryer by Glen's mother after her recent move, and they would be glad to make a gift of it to the Russian mission. I gratefully accepted, and the dryer arrived in the next shipping container of mission necessities. THANK GOD!!! What a great gift! It was already several years old, but it worked perfectly for the next 21 years as the first dryer any Russian in Vladivostok had ever seen! It would be years before any were available in local stores. Coincidentally, it was made by the Whirlpool Corporation in my hometown of Benton Harbor, Michigan, in the factory where I worked summers

as a college student. It ran well until late 2013 when the monastic community grew to 12 members, and then finally even its durability was over-taxed.

It was really the “gift that keeps on giving” through 21 years of week-long youth conferences, mission groups, catechetical training courses, personal guests, and mountains of weekly laundry, etc. Maybe even several parish employees would occasionally use it surreptitiously. But then it gave up the ghost. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Dudro family for what turned out to be an absolute necessity in the rainy season and a time-saver and huge convenience all year round.

BUT Here it is! The new dryer installed today, May 22, a gift from the Lynch Family Foundation of Virginia! It is an LG commercial model from Korea with a two year guarantee, and 10 kg drum. Funny how it worked out. Fr Myron was checking all over the internet for larger dryers, as only micro-family sizes are now available in Russian stores. The larger sizes are all expensive and had to be imported. He was explaining the problem to Lily Timofeevna, the Caritas director, and she said, "Don't you remember we bought the laundry equipment for Children's Hospital #3? We bought it from a company that only sells to institutions!—“Tetra, Inc.”” She still had the phone number. I called them, and we bought the drier in less than a week from their stock. We had three choices, Korean, American, or Russian. We decided on the Korean because it had twice the guarantee time, and a bigger size drum. So we are hoping it will do fine for us! Will it also last 21+ years?! Thank you Dudros and Lynches!

News Notes

by V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D

● April 25, 2014 Dear Fr. Myron, I along with the parishioners of **Nakhodka parish** with immense gratitude to Almighty God, are happy to inform you that the long waited desire to get land for the construction of a small church has been granted. Just yesterday we received the official papers from the city administration, granting us 3585 square meters of land for the construction of the Catholic Church. Our next work is to register the land in the name of the parish, land ownership documents and plot number. It may take around two to three months' time. Thanks a lot for your help and prayers.

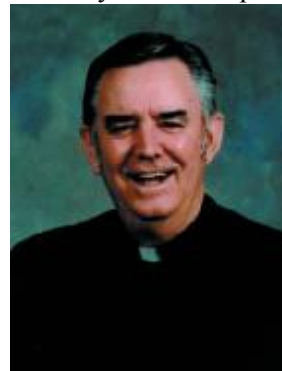
Yours Truly, Fr. Sebastian Marian D' Silva,
Roman Catholic Church of the Our Lady of the Pacific.

Fr Sebastian will be looking for financial support everywhere for the construction project.

● We like to offer to send our newsletter by email to those who want it that way, but **AOL** clients should know

that AOL isn't delivering our mail to you. We don't know what to do about it.

● It is always a pleasure to meet someone who is generous, and who doesn't think about how to get things for himself. That was my impression of **Fr Richard Wey**, who was the Mission Director for the Diocese of St Cloud in Minnesota. I visited him in 1996 to ask him if there were any liturgical items at the Mission Office that we could have for Vladivostok. He was right away interested in our plans, and I mentioned that we needed to have a Minnesota non-profit corporation to handle our stateside needs. They were previously handled by the Archdiocese of Anchorage, but our office was moving to our sister-Parish of the Nativity in St Paul. He immediately sprang into action, calling the diocesan lawyer to arrange for the incorporation! Fr Wey became a Board member, and first Secretary of the Corporation, and continued on our Board



until May 11, 2014, when he received a higher calling. At 88 years old he was summoned before the Lord to give an account and to receive his reward. Eternal Rest grant to him, O Lord!

Reverend Richard M. Wey, 88

● **Fr Joseph Terra** (56) a long time and very good friend of our mission was in critical condition on June 11 after being shot in his rectory at the Mother of Mercy Mission Catholic Church in downtown Phoenix, Arizona. His assistant, Fr Kenneth Walker, 29, was shot and killed. Fr Terra was able to give absolution and the Last Rites to Fr Walker before himself being taken to the hospital. It was probably a robbery attempt, but, as of this writing, we are still waiting for details. Fr Terra made all the first vestments for our Russian parish when we first began 22 years ago, and has been a friend and benefactor ever since. He would appreciate your prayers for his recovery, and for Fr Walker's eternal rest.



Fr Walker, Bishop Olmstead of Phoenix, and Fr Terra

Opportunities

♥ **Fr Daniel** will be completing his parish fundraising visits in the US. Here's his schedule of weekend visits.

July 19/20 - St Anne/Holy Cross – Porterville, CA

July 24-27 – Napa Institute Conference, Napa, CA

August 2/3 – St Leander, San Leandro, CA

♥ **Fr Myron** will be speaking during masses at parishes and meeting with various Catholic organizations this Fall. Hope you can join Fr Myron during any of his stops. If you are within driving distance Fr Myron would enjoy visiting your group, school or apostolate, too! Please contact the mission office for scheduling. 209-408-0728.

September 18 –Archdiocesan CCW, St. Paul, MN

September 20/21– St. Anthony of Padua, Robstown TX

September 27/28– Sacred Heart Parish, Floresville, TX

October 4/5 – St. Albert the Great, Reno, NV

October 8 – MMOG Exec. Board Mtg, Modesto, CA

October 11/12– Mater Misericordia Mission, Phnx, AZ

October 18/19 – St. Mary/St. Michael, Canton, IL

October 25/26 – St. Bernard, Rockport, IN

November 1 /2 - St. Cecilia Parish, Leominster, MA

♥ **Seminarians** need your help! We have been greatly blessed with many faithful men to our order of Canons Regular of Jesus The Lord, as well as women in our sister order who are answering the call to religious life. Each of our seminarians (just a few are pictured below) are in need of individuals or groups who can sponsor them through prayer and financial support while in the seminary. The annual cost for 1 seminarian for education, books, transportation, and humble living expenses is \$10,774. (1/3 the cost as in the USA). Might your apostolate or family group consider sponsoring one of our seminarians? You will receive personal email news and communication from your seminarian. Please see our website for more budget details, or contact the mission office. Thank you!



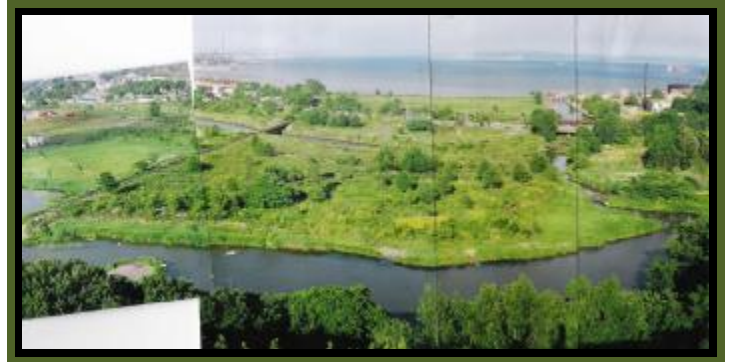
Our seminarians who are studying in Indonesia with Fr Inosensius, C.J.D. (center)

♥ The **Our Lady of the Pacific** church building project in **Nakhodka** has raised \$40,184 to date. Thank you! Fr Sebastian, pastor of Our Lady of the Pacific parish has received the land and can break ground as soon as we have enough funds to begin. We are even more blessed to have a Russian benefactor who has offered his building crew to help with some of the construction. We have raised 10% of our budget. Can you help? Please contact the mission office for more information or to donate.

Watch our fund-raising progress on our website,

www.vladmission.org. Many thanks to all!

(Below: Parish land area in Nakhodka)



♥ Please be our eyes and ears! Know of a **Catholic Conference** in your area? Please contact the mission office to let us know! Big or small, we would be grateful to send one of our representatives to promote the mission.

♥ You can request a pack of 3, 6 or 12 mission mass cards depicting 3 different holy mission scenes on the front. Mail them out as you request masses to be celebrated in Russia in honor of, or in memorial of, a loved one, or for any **mass intentions**. Suggested mass request donation is \$15 per mass. Contact the mission office for mass cards or we can send an individual card directly to your designee per your request.



♥ Congratulations **SHARES** card users! You earned **\$2594** for the mission last quarter just by using your SHARES cards at any Save Mart, Food Maxx, Smart Foods and Lucky's grocery stores. If you live in CA or NV, please contact the mission office for your own free SHARES card. It costs you nothing to use. Present the card at the grocery checkout. Save Mart will donate up to 3% of your grocery bill to the mission! Hand out cards to your friends and family to use! It really works!

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From the Development Desk

Dear Friends,

Vocations to our order of Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord have been growing by leaps and bounds! You may meet and get to know our seminarians on our website www.vladmission.org. Regular updates can be found in our *Vladivostok Sunrise* bi-monthly newsletters.

While we continue to pray for sponsors to help us provide for our seminarians, we try to come up with different ways to support them. Our *Abundant Blessings International Cookbook* has been a fun project and not only supports our seminarians, but also the children and families of the Women's Support Centers. The response to our cookbook has been wonderful! Those who have purchased our cookbook report back how pleased they are with it and how it makes a unique and enjoyable gift!

Abundant Blessings celebrates our mission families and the many blessings of the mission. Recipes were submitted from our priests, seminarians, sisters, and lay families from all over the world. Some include short family stories about the origin of the recipe. Our cookbook makes a nice coffee table book too! Features:

- 498 delectable recipes, divided into 8 international categories
- Dividers pages contain pictures of our mission kids, priests and volunteers and helpful hints about cooking

- 16 pages of entertaining ideas, calorie charts, substitutions, cooking terms, more
- 3 ring design includes blank pages to add your own recipes or notes
- Cheerful and colorful cover. Easy to wipe clean!
- **BONUS!** Receive a free copy of *The Joy of Christmas in Vladivostok* CD with each cookbook!

This month's Sunrise recipe highlights are from our Asia and India category.

Lemmony Hummus, Middle East, submitted by Shauna Trevillyan, New Zealand

Adjika (really hot sauce), **Abkhazia**, submitted by Fr Myron Effing, C.J.D., Vladivostok, Russia

Pancit Sotanghon, Philippines, submitted by Wilma Cabacungan, Modesto, CA

Sticky Banana Cake with Toffee Sauce, Cambodia, submitted by Sok Maly

\$25 for each cookbook covers shipping in the continental USA. Thank you for your orders!

Have a blessed summer. God bless you and your families.

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