



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

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Hello! I hope you had a great Easter season. I spend the whole Easter season in bed!. After the Easter vigil I got very weak. Our parishioner who is a doctor at the “Thousand



*Me and the parishioners at tea.*

Bed Hospital” examined me and said I must have an infection so I had transfusions of medicines and have gradually been recovering. So even though I was too weak to go out of my room I’m glad I could continue some of my work, like writing these thank you letters to you! On Sunday I went to tea after mass for the first time since Easter, and they took this picture.

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*Father Nikita carried the Blessed Sacrament*

It is our custom in Vladivostok to have a Corpus Christi procession on that feast day which we celebrate on Sunday. We also have one on the feast of the Assumption in August. What is different for us is that the church is located on a very busy street, on a hillside between the “upper” and “lower” city”, so the street is very busy with only one other



*The parishioners singing and walking to the next station.*

possible street for drivers to use. So, we cannot get a parade permit to use the street. Our solution is to have the procession around the church. We set up altars near the church walls for the prayers and blessings, and finish with benediction at the main altar in church. Even though the Easter season ends with Pentecost, it always seems to us that it ends with Corpus Christi, with the feast of the Holy Trinity in between.

New Fr Marcus David, C.J.D., who has been assigned as assistant pastor in Nakhodka celebrated his “first mass” in his home parish of St. James, in Karachi, Pakistan on June 16. The whole parish participated. He finished the seminary in Pakistan and then joined us in Russia. Here is a photo for you:



*Fr Marcus with his mother and father at the first mass celebration at St. James Parish*

We also had the joy on June 16 of celebrating the final solemn vows of Brother Jackson Malik, C.J.D., also from Pakistan. He is a seminarian studying in English in Pakistan, and plans to return to Russia after ordination. Yes, he was named after Michael Jackson by his father! His older brother is already “Michael”.



*Brother Jackson signing his life away for Christ!*

We would like to express our gratitude to you for your kindness and prayers and for your donation! Thank you so much. We are wishing and **praying** for your good health every day! God bless you! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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