



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

August 31, 2023

I am writing to thank you for your support. It is past summer with many folks getting ready for school, so your prayers and financial support are really appreciated! Now for the news!

We had our annual Assumption procession with prayers and blessings this year on Sunday, August 13. I'm still not totally on my feet, so Fr Nikita took care of the masses. It is our main parish feastday, because January 1 is not convenient for Russians who have a big New Year's celebration on our feast day, so we pick Assumption instead.

Actually, for the Assumption Mass, everything went normal until Fr Nikita put clouds of incense in the censor for the offertory. The fire alarm system went off, and we scrambled to turn it off. Nobody knew how, so after ten minutes I suggested to Fr Nikita that he take the people outside and do the procession while we looked for a way to turn off the system. (The procession is usually AFTER mass.) That he did. After phone calls to several people, nobody knew how to turn the system off. Finally someone said that Fr Nikita had a "remote" to turn it off. But the batteries were dead in the remote. Our office worker Vladimir ran to his car, saying he had some batteries in the car, and when he returned, he couldn't open the remote with his fingernails, so Bro Edwin ran upstairs for a screw-driver. Finally he got the system off. Meanwhile Fr Nikita finished the procession, did the 4th station and benediction at the 3rd altar outside, and then we continued the rest of the mass there outside on the 3rd station altar. It was quite an experience, but the weather was fine, and the parishioners received communion under both kinds outside. Most people were happy, except those who left early, maybe because some people are allergic to the incense. We'll have to find out how to turn off the system, or else Fr Nikita will have to use less incense!



Clouds of smoke!

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I have a new “temporary” helper, Brother Edwin Intan, C.J.D. from the Philippines. He is a seminarian ready for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood who finished the seminary in the Philippines *Cum Laude*. More recently he has been doing great mission work in the Philippine islands where there are still uncatechized Catholics among the native peoples who live on small, distant islands or in mountainous areas. His Russian language is great! (And so is his Korean, Japanese, Tagalog, Cebuano, Indonesian, and English!!) Here is his picture. I say “temporary” because he has to return to the Philippines, but then return to us. My hope is that he will be able to take my place if and when I “kick the bucket”. Plan ahead—I’m 82 years old!

Meanwhile, we have more priests, and more coming, so we really are in need of mass stipends. You know, I presume, that mass stipends are meant for the daily support of the priest. We usually ask \$15 per mass, as I’m guessing

that is about the cost of daily upkeep of one person. But since I currently have zero stipends to give our priests, any amount would be appreciated. We are grateful, too, for parish priests who sometimes send us their backlog, since they usually can only take one intention per day, and their parish supplies more than needed.

- Oct. 1 Fr. Myron Effing
St. Bridget & St Patrick -
Pleasant Hill MO
- Oct. 8 Fr. Myron Effing
Blessed Trinity, Greenfield
MA
- Oct. 15 Fr. Myron Effing
Holy Trinity, Aurora MO
- Oct. 22 Fr. Myron Effing
St. Catherine of Vienna,
Greensburg IN
- Oct. 29 Fr. Myron Effing
SS. Peter and Paul, Cary IN

The office in California has given me my preaching assignments for October, and here they are, just in case. I hope I will be able to make it, but my health is still not the best. I have one month to get better. Sitting here and working on the Sunrise are easy to do, but travel? Time will tell.

The 25th Far Eastern Catholic Youth Conference is finished for this year. Fr Nikita was the organizer. The youth were from Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Blagoveschensk, Svobodni, Yakutia, and Africa. The Africans were Catholic students from the university, mostly studying medicine. The Conference theme this year was St Theresa, the Little Flower. I didn’t help them much this year, but I was able to welcome them to Vladivostok, and I heard confessions as needed. I hope to write a report for the November Sunrise.

Our our thanks to you for your kindness and prayers and for your donation! We need good vocations to do our work, but we need

good benefactors, too! God bless you! We are **praying** for you every day! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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