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*Fathers Jacob, Filipus, and Augustine,
C.J.D. with Bishop Schneider.*

Fr Dan is planning to visit Kazakhstan in the near future. He will of course visit our three brothers there, but maybe more important he will be visiting the seminary there in Karaganda with an eye to the future, The seminary studies in the Russian language! So we may be sending seminarians there—much closer to us, so travel will be cheaper—just south of Novosibirsk in Siberia. Here is a photo of our three priests in Kazakhstan with Bishop Schneider, auxiliary bishop of Karaganda—Fr Jacob, Fr Filipus, and Fr Agustinus.

Now that the school year is well underway we are happy to see the influx of Catholic students from foreign countries who have come to Russia to study. Medicine and the Russian language are the most popular subjects. On Thursday nights we have Parishioners' Student's Night when our Russian student parishioners come for some social and prayerful time together, and on Friday nights we have Foreign Students' Night, usually in English or Spanish. Up to 40 people attend, and it concludes with supper. Of course, we aren't strict about who attends when. Some of the foreign students have asked to be prepared for baptism. Our Bro. Francis is their teacher now. I have the baptismal preparation class on Sundays for the Russian parishioners.

Recently I had a great experience! It began with a phone call from someone from a faraway village in our state of Primorye. The caller said that his whole family is Catholic, but they are so far from a parish that in the last 20 years they haven't been able to come to church. But now the family will make the trip to Vladivostok for the baptism of their 5-year old son, if we were willing! Were we willing?—Of course we were willing and ecstatic! The boy "Dima" turned out to be quite the character, and we enjoyed meeting him and his family! Now that we know the family, I'm sure Fr Vicky will be glad to visit them occasionally—His parish in Ussurysk, Nativity, is the closest parish to them. Here are some photos for you of the happy day.:



Dima's grandma is his godmother. The water was cold!



All ready to go, with his baptismal garment and lighted candle!



staff, including our three C.J.D. sisters, or maybe because I'm celebrating 35 years of service here—one of the first to come. We couldn't find any turkeys, but did manage to have turkey wings. The banana cream pie made up for that! Here is a picture. Everywhere here in Russia they advertise "Black Friday" sales, but there is no "Thanksgiving" here, except with us Americans! We had about 15 guests, including two "Indians" (two of our brothers from India.)

Wishing you grace and good health, and a happy "get-ready-for-Christmas" season. Happy St. Nicolas Day! God bless you! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

P.S. We need more **mass intentions**, too! To make a donation or order a Mass using your bank card, go here: <http://vladmission.org/get-involved/donate/> To see *Vladivostok Sunrise 185*, go here: <https://vladmission.org/s/185>

Is it too late to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving? This year the Americans in Vladivostok decided to have their Thanksgiving get-together here in the meeting room of our parish, maybe because we are five Americans in the parish