



# St. Innocent Orthodox Church

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GOSPEL: St. Matthew 8:5-13 (#25)

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ATTACHED: Sister Ioanna

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READERS: Robert Joseph Latsko & George Hanoian

## ✙ 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✙

† 9:15AM — HOURS & AKATHIST &/or CANON; CONFESSIONS †

† 10am — DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM †

**COMMEMORATED TODAY:** Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Royal Passionbearers Tsar Nicholas, Tsaritsa Alexandra, Tsarevich Aleksy, Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Maria, Anastasia (1918—July 4<sup>th</sup> O.S.) Greatmartyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (4th c.). Ven. Irenarchus, Abbot of Solovkétsky Monastery (1628). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Lazarus of Mt. Galesius near Ephesus.

**FOR THE REPOSE OF:** Estelle & Joseph Star; Anna & John Witkowski; Michael Sr. & Margaret Rusko; Mary, Andrew, Daniel, Michael & Lottie Yakuber; Ross & Margaret Falsetti; Helen, John & Carole Andrayko; Peter & Theresa Harvilla; Betty Martell; Frances & Todd Smoly; Peter Glover; Irene Adams; Ethel Elizabeth & Wayne Joshua deVyver, David Horka; Michael Rusko; Anna Lichagina, Yelena & Zinaïda Korniyevskaya; Joseph Nossal; Michelle Tucker; Todd Comerford.

**MEMORY** Anna Witkowski, whose anniversary of her repose is Tuesday, 19 July, *by daughter Mat. Rose Marie & Fr. Roman & family*

**ETERNAL!** Olga Miskiv, whose anniversary of her repose is Thursday, 21 July, *by niece Matushka Rose Marie & Fr. Roman*

Richard Miskiv, whose anniversary of his repose is Friday, 22 July, *by cousin Matushka Rose Marie & Fr. Roman*

**FOR THE HEALTH OF:** Archimandrite Seraphim; Priest Daneil, Matushka Debra & Corrina Shirak; Deacon Michael, Matushka Mary Ellen & Julius Comerford; Matushka Mary Donahue; Subdeacon Joshua & Abigail Genig; Reader Robert Latsko, Reader George & Betty Hanoian, Rose Nossal, Mary Glover, Nancy Cupp, Vasiliki Stamoulis, Gerald Martell, Azbehat, Donald Yakuber, Carl deVyver, Jo Anne Nicholas, Joan Rusko, Daria, Joseph Nossal, Ed Manier, Martha Genig; Jennifer (Madias) & child; Marianna Wess & unborn child.

**ALSO FOR:** Marge & Jerry Martell, who celebrate their Anniversary, on Tuesday, 19 July

Subdeacon Joshua Genig, who celebrates his birthday, on Wednesday, 20 July

Aster Menghstab, who celebrates her birthday, on Friday, 22 July

Fr. Daneil Shirak, who celebrates the anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, on Friday, 22 July

**\* MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS! \***

### SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

*(Regular Wednesday & Friday fasting)*

Saturday 7/23 4pm GREAT VESPERS & CONFESSIONS

Sunday 7/24 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

9:15am Hours & Akathist & Confessions

10am DIVINE LITURGY; Followed by Coffee Hour

**Feast days this week:** *Tues, 7/19: St. Seraphim of Sarov; Wed, 7/20: Prophet St. Elias (Elijah, Il'ya); Fri, 7/22: St. Mary Magdalene*

**PROSPHORA FOR TODAY IS OFFERED BY: Matushka Rose Marie**

**In Memory Eternal of:** John (anniv. 7/5) & Anna (anniv. 7/19), Joseph & Estelle, Margaret, Olga (anniv. 7/21), Joseph, Marsha, Richard (anniv. 7/22), Tom, Samuel & Mary, & all other departed family; and **For the Health of:** Fr. Roman, Matushka Rose Marie, Elizabeth, Larry, Caitlin, Zachary, Gregory, Tamiko, Thomas & all other family members.

## **CANDLES FOR LAST SUNDAY, 10 JULY**

### **YEARLY CHURCH VIGIL LAMPS:**

*Royal Doors Lamp:* In Memory of Husband, Joseph; Son, Kenneth; parents, Michael & Margaret Rusko, & John & Martha Nossal, *by Rose Nossal*

*Altar Candelabra:* In Memory of Parents, Nicholas and Susan Yakuber, *by son, Donald Yakuber*

*Altar Candles (2):* In Memory of Irene Adams, *by Goddaughter, Rose Ann Everhardt*

*Iconostasis Lamps:* In Memory of Parents, Ethel Elizabeth & Wayne Joshua; Robert David H; & Health of brother, Carl, *by Sister Ioanna*

*Candles on the Solea:* In Memory of Peter & Theresa Harvilla, Norman & Monica Holst, & Ricky Ellis, *by Jason & Debra Truskowski*

*Table of Oblation Lamp:* In Memory of Parents, Helen & John Andrayko, Sr. & sister, Carole Andrayko, *by John Andrayko, Jr.*

*Reliquary-Icon Lamps: Sts. Innocent, Tikhon & Herman:* Health of Joseph/Sue; Robert/Diane; Pat/John; Joseph B., Jared, Jay; Rachelle/Aaron, Gabriel; Tricia, Lindsey; & In Memory of sisters, Anna, Margaret, Theresa & Irene; & brothers, John, Edwin & Michael *by Rose Nossal*

*Reliquary-Icon Lamps: Sts. Elizabeth & Raphael:* Health of the Genig and the Just Families, *by Subdeacon Joshua & Abigail Genig*

*Reliquary-Icon Lamps: St. Seraphim & St. Alexis:* In Memory of Ross & Margaret Falsetti, *by daughters, Rose Ann Everhardt & Margie Martell*

*Reliquary-Icon Lamps: St. Hilarion & Sts. Alexandra & Martha (AVAILABLE)*

*Reliquary-Icon Lamps: St. Nestor & St. Gerontius (AVAILABLE)*

### **IN MEMORY OF (MEMORY ETERNAL!)**

Joseph & Estelle Star, *by son Father Roman and family*

Paul & Alexandra Yupco, Basil & Ellen Starinshak, *by grandson, Father Roman and family*

John & Anna Witkowski, *by daughter, Matushka Rose Marie and family*

Samuel & Mary Kupec, *by granddaughter, Matushka Rose Marie and family*

Parents, Helen & John Andrayko, and sister, Carole Andrayko, *by John Andrayko*

My husband, Joe; my sisters, Margaret & Ross Falsetti, Anna & Mike Elascat, Theresa & Pete Harvilla, Irene, & brothers, Michael, John &

Edwin Rusko; niece, Rose Mary & Dean Hough; Joe's brothers, Raymond & Walter Nossal, & sisters, Theresa, Florence & Helen Nossal,

*by Rose Nossal* ++ + Pete & Theresa Harvilla, *by Mary Ann Harvilla & Kay Truskowski* +++ My husband, Michael Rusko, *by Joan Rusko*

Parents, Ethel Elizabeth & Wayne Joshua; David H; Nina I; Marion P; Fr. Photius; Mo. Benedicta; Archm. Roman; Sally & Edward, *by Sr Ioanna*

Child Lana Wilson, Shirley Troyer, Betty & Paul Stelmaszek, Marsha Olsen, *by Becky Jurczynszyn*

Thelma Ratcliff, Louis Pitts, Gloria Robinson, Reginald Bell, Lessie Favor, Lois Hamby, *by Manier Family*

### **FOR THE HEALTH OF: (MANY YEARS!)**

Elizabeth & Lawrence, Caitlin & Zachary, *by parents & grandparents, Father Roman & Matushka Rose Marie*

Gregory & Tamiko Star, *by parents, Father Roman & Matushka Rose Marie*

Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren; Monk Fr. Sdn. Tikhon (Dade); *by Rose Nossal*

Father Roman & Matushka & family; Sister Ioanna; John Andrayko; Nancy; Mary G; Jo Anne N; Grandson Joey (*in the Navy Reserves*) & all people in the Armed Forces; & all the people of St. Innocent Church, *by Rose Nossal*

My Mom, Jaime Truskowski, *by Kay Truskowski* + + + Family & Friends, *by Mary Ann Harvilla & Kay T.*

Brother, Greg & Donna; nephew, Gregory & Liz; & nephew, Alex, *by Mary Ann Harvilla & Kay* + + + Ed Manier, *by Mary Ann Harvilla & Kay*

Archimandrites Nafanail, Gregory & Seraphim; Fr. Roman & Mat. Rose Marie; Fr. Lawrence & fam; Fr. Laurence & fam; Fr. Daneil & fam; Dcn.

Michael & fam; Mat. Mary D; Carl; Sdn Fr. Tikhon; Sdn Andrew; Sdn Joshua, Abigail & children; Rdr Robert; Robert M; David Samuel, Sky

& Avi; Jo Anne/Nick; Athanasius; John A; Ed/Tiffany; Kim & fam; Vasiliki; Rose; Emil; Billy/Fonda; Donald Y; Marianna & unborn baby,

*by Sr Ioanna* + + + John Andrayko (May God watch over him), *by Rose Nossal* + + + Rose Nossal, *by John Andrayko*

(1)Leia & baby, Reece & Mike Wilson; (2)Joan & Bob Jurczynszyn, Toni & Richard Bussen; (3) DamonTristan, Briann Saylor, Levi Troyer; (4)Liz

Tomachewski & Andrea Faust; (5)Paul & Pete Stelmaszek, Jacob, Krista, Claire, Matt & Jacob, *by Becky Jurczynszyn*

Sdn. Joshua Genig, *by Genig Family* + + + H & S of: Brittany Truitt (*family discord*); all Manier children & grandchildren, *by Ed & Tiffany*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1)THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED KEEP THE COCC'S WEEKLY "DOOR" ORTHODOX RADIO HOUR ON THE AIR BY BUYING A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A DRAWING FOR A TIGERS GAME SUITE, WITH 20 TICKETS, BUFFET & MORE.** The

winning ticket was drawn at the COCC meeting this past Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. The winner was Jim Badeen of St. Mary's Antiochian ("Basilica").

**2) WEEKLY "ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX STUDY GROUP,"** led by Subdeacon Dr. Joshua Genig, Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:30 at St. Innocent Church hall.

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## **ONE REDFORD'S MESSAGE ON RECENT VIOLENCE**

As members of **One Redford**, we denounce the violence that has taken the lives of Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, and the 5 Dallas police officers: Brent Thompson, Patrick Zamarippa, Michael Smith, Lorne Ahrens, and former Redford resident Michael Krol. We grieve with the families who are mourning their loss. We believe that these 7 individuals, like all U.S. citizens, deserved the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet we cannot deny that these rights were indeed denied to each of them. We believe in a better America than this. As local pastors of our beloved township, we are guided by the words of Jesus who declared some issues to be weightier than others. His big 3: justice, mercy, and faithfulness (Matthew 23:23). We cannot neglect these weightier issues. The name of our organization, '**One Redford**,' is by design. We long for unity. Therefore we refuse to participate in acts or hold to perspectives that would divide us. Instead, through love, through listening, through action we are committed to seeing the values of justice for all and mercy for all faithfully lived out in Redford Township. This begins and ends with loving each other as we love ourselves, treating each other as we would want to be treated. Living that way is quite simply justice in action. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in his fight for justice, uttered words that are just as relevant today as they were back then: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Relying on God, we stand together in shining light that dispels darkness and a love that drives out hate. For the glory of God and the good of our community, the Pastors of ONE REDFORD. [*includes Fr. Roman*]



## AN EXCLUSIVE CREED

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

The Nicene Creed was created to exclude. This goes against the grain of our modern secular society, where the word “inclusive” has become a magic word, conjuring up warm feelings of virtue, righteousness, and goodness. To be inclusive is to be good; to exclude is to be bad. The magic is, I think, rooted in the American Civil Rights Movement, where certain people were unjustly excluded from certain things (such as employment opportunities or even sitting in the front part of a bus) based on the colour of their skin. Such exclusions were plainly arbitrary, morally indefensible, and more than a little bit crazy, and this bequeathed a legacy of unacceptability to the very word “exclusion,” with a corresponding happy feel to the word “inclusion.”

But in this, as in many things, context is everything. Exclusion is not always wrong. Take the early part of the fourth century, for instance. Then the heresy of Arianism was spreading over the Christian world like a raging roaring disease. This was the heresy that denied that Jesus was truly divine, and asserted instead that he was a creature, created by the one true God in the same way as the angels were created. Jesus of Nazareth therefore was not God, according to the Arians, though they allowed that He was very, very important, a heavenly celebrity of sorts, but not God in any real sense. That is, He could be admired and praised, but not actually worshipped with the same worship with which the Church worshipped the Father. This last bit was very important too, for salvation consists of worshipping Jesus, in falling down before Him as did Thomas and crying to Him, “My Lord and my God!” Given the popularity of Arianism, something had to be done.

Something was done, and what was done we now call “the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea.” Bishops then came from all over to the town of Nicea in 325 AD to thrash out the whole thing. It didn’t take them long to conclude that Jesus was divine, and that Arius’ teaching was simply wrong. But how to declare this? Arius was a slippery fellow, and there seemed to be no kind of Biblical formula or title for Christ that he could not twist and redefine for his own purposes. The Fathers therefore decided to do something radical and unprecedented — namely, to use non-biblical phrases to describe who Christ was. They took the baptismal creed, the statement with which all catechumens had to agree in order to be baptized and be considered Christians, and inserted several phrases—phrases so clear that even someone as slippery as Arius couldn’t wriggle out of them. Jesus was not only “the only-begotten Son of God,” He was also “light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of the same essence as the Father, from Whom [i.e. Jesus] all things were made.” These phrases stated the divinity of Christ so clearly that not even Arius could say the words without choking.

That was, of course, the point: the Creedal statement was constructed with such precision as to exclude people like Arius. In one sense the Creed was *inclusive*: any person anywhere, regardless of race, language, ethnicity, or colour could confess it, be that person slave or free, rich or poor. But it was also *exclusive*: any person who did not believe the full and perfect divinity of Jesus of Nazareth could not confess it, and thus could not be a member of the Church.

Why this insistence on exclusion? The Fathers of Nicea wanted to exclude heresy from the Church for the same reason that a doctor wants to exclude cancer from the body of his patient — because if he includes the cancer in the patient’s body, the result will be the death of the patient. Cancer kills, and so does heresy. Heresy is not simply incorrect opinion, akin to getting a numerical sum wrong. Heresy is stubbornly refusing to accept the truth, in exactly the same way as someone who has been poisoned might stubbornly refuse to accept swallowing the antidote. A person who has been poisoned will die. And the good intentions of the heretic notwithstanding (for who knowingly accepts error?), the person who refuses God’s provided remedy of Christ will also die. Heresy will kill the soul, just as surely as cancer will kill the body. Salvation consists of exclusion — the cancer must be excluded from the body, and heresy must be excluded from the soul. The Fathers of Nicea were not narrow-minded men, working mean-spiritedly in their ivory towers. They were physicians of the soul, working as pastors in the front line, concerned to save the souls of the children of men. They knew that only as men fell down before Christ as God and offered their lives to Him could they find salvation. They therefore excluded the Arian error which insisted on omitting this saving spiritual prostration. They knew they lived in a world of dying men. Only by falling down before the divine Christ could those men find eternal life.

Source: [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

*About the author:* Fr. Lawrence Farley, formerly an Anglican priest, became Orthodox in 1989, and studied at St. Tikhon’s Seminary before being ordained. He established St. Herman Orthodox Mission (OCA) in British Columbia, Canada, which is now a thriving church. He writes extensively, including numerous books, articles and blogs, does a daily podcast for Ancient Faith Radio, and also is a noted speaker.

## **FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS**

*Celebrated today, July 17, 2016*

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world).

The Orthodox Church acknowledges **Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils**:

The **First** Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under St Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The **Second** Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the Emperor Theodosius the Great.

The **Third** Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the Emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The **Fourth** Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The **Fifth** Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the Emperor Justinian the Great.

The **Sixth** Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the Emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The **Seventh** Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Adorned with the robe of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible.

The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Orthodox Church’s teaching.

A brief summary of the dogmatic theology of the First Six Ecumenical Councils is formulated and contained in the First Canon of the Council of Trullo (also known as Quinisext), held in the year 692. The 318 Holy Fathers of the **First Ecumenical Council** are spoken of in this Canon I of Trullo as having: “with unanimity of faith revealed and declared to us the consubstantiality of the three Persons of the Divine nature and, ... instructing the faithful to adore the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with one worship, they cast down and dispelled the false teaching about different degrees of Divinity.”

The 150 Holy Fathers of the **Second Ecumenical Council** left their mark on the theology of the Church concerning the Holy Spirit, “repudiating the teaching of Macedonius, as one who wished to divide the inseparable Unity, so that there might be no perfect mystery of our hope.”

The 200 God-bearing Fathers of the **Third Ecumenical Council** expounded the teaching that “Christ, the Incarnate Son of God is One.” They also confessed that “she who bore Him without seed was the spotless Ever-Virgin, glorifying her as truly the Mother of God.

The 630 Holy Fathers of the **Fourth Ecumenical Council** decreed that “the One Christ, the Son of God... must be glorified in two natures.”

In addition to their dogmatic definitions, the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils exerted great efforts towards the strengthening of church discipline. Local Councils promulgated their disciplinary canons according to the circumstances of the time and place, frequently differing among themselves in various particulars.



## **WORK OF THE IOCC**

*(International Orthodox Christian Charities)*

**Baltimore, MD (IOCC), June 20, 2016** — Syria's civil war has created the greatest refugee upheaval since WWII, with 4.8 million Syrian men, women and children fleeing their homeland in search of refuge in other countries across the Middle East and Europe. An additional 6.6 million have been displaced in their own country. International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is providing life-saving humanitarian aid to Syria's displaced and exiled people through programs that provide emergency relief including food, clean water, shelter, medical assistance, education support, crisis counseling and economic recovery.

### **LEBANON**

Syria's refugee children face a grim future in foreign lands without an education to provide them with the life and job skills they'll need later in life. Access to learning also restores hope and dignity in children driven from their homes. IOCC is working to help provide an education for thousands of refugee children in Lebanon. Along with support for their education and daily distributions of nutritious school snacks to 10,000 students, IOCC has also upgraded the water and sanitation systems of more than 110 public schools to accommodate the influx of Syrian refugee students and help improve learning conditions for them and their Lebanese classmates.



### **JORDAN**

When her village near Aleppo came under attack in 2013, Nahla, 32, led her five young children to the city under the cover of night to avoid snipers. They made it to a Jordan-bound bus and safety in the capital city, Amman. Her husband, who has worked as a day laborer in Jordan since before the war, doesn't earn enough to sustain a family of seven used to living off the bounty of their farm. Each day is filled with uncertainty and the fear of eviction or hunger. IOCC is responding to the urgent needs of hundreds of vulnerable Syrian refugee families like this one in Jordan with rent support, food parcels and hygiene items for home and personal use.

### **GREECE**

Thousands of Syrian families have endured a long and grueling trip by land and sea to escape war in their country. Their world is packed in the bags they carry with them. More than 55,000 refugees and migrants are stranded in Greece now that the borders to the rest of Europe have been closed to them. IOCC is working to ease the hardships facing these vulnerable Syrian refugee families. Along with providing bunk beds and sleeping bags to travel weary families on Samos, IOCC is also providing hot meals, hygiene kits and baby supplies to them and to asylum seekers on Chios and mainland Greece.

Since 2012, IOCC has provided humanitarian relief to four million Syrian people displaced in their own country, or living as refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Armenia, Greece and Serbia. Today on World Refugee Day, we remember the many people forced to flee violence and persecution around the world. To learn more about how you can help refugees and asylum seekers, visit [iocc.org/syria](http://iocc.org/syria)



### **ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES**

*IOCC is the official humanitarian aid agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. Since its inception in 1992, IOCC has delivered \$580 million in relief and development programs to families and communities in more than 50 countries. IOCC is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of more than 140 churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy, and a member of InterAction, the largest alliance of U.S.-based secular and faith-based organizations working to improve the lives of the world's most poor and vulnerable populations. To learn more about IOCC, visit [iocc.org](http://iocc.org).*

## **ORTHODOX NEWS**

### **(1) RUSSIAN CHURCH IN FRANCE GIFTED TO THE PARISH BY A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IS CONSECRATED**

**Moscow, July 4, Interfax** — The “Small Consecration” of a new Russian church in the town of Bruges (Bordeaux suburbs, France) was held last Sunday on the Day of All Saints resplendent in the Russian land, reports the Korsun Diocese, which unites Russian parishes in some countries of Western Europe.

Administrator of the Korsun Diocese Bishop Nestor presided at the Consecration and the Liturgy. Local Catholic vicar Bertrand Lacombe, representatives of municipal authorities, honorable council of Russia in France Alexandre de Miller de La Cerda, pilgrims of Orthodox parishes of Bordeaux, Toulouse, Paris and other French cities prayed at the service.

The service was conducted in the French and Church-Slavonic languages.

In early 2015 it cleared out that on recommendation of Bordeaux Archbishop Jean-Pierre Ricard, the Catholic congregation of St. Martha in Bordeaux decided to gift a local community of the Russian Orthodox Church a building of the Catholic church that earlier belonged to it.

St. Seraphim Parish in Bordeaux was founded in 2003, but it has not had its own premises for celebrating services.

Parishioners of the Russian community worked all the year to make the interior of the church correspond to the Orthodox canons and traditions. On June 3, 2016, Bishop Nestor and representatives of the Catholic congregation of St. Martha signed a document on transferring St. German Church in Bruges to be the property of St. Seraphim parish. An Orthodox iconostasis was set up in the church in the middle of June 2016.

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### **(2) PATRIARCH KIRILL INVITED TO CONSECRATE RUSSIAN CATHEDRAL IN LONDON**

**Moscow, July 8, Interfax** — The Russian Cathedral of Dormition in London will be consecrated on October 16 after long-term major repair.

This will become the culmination of the festive events in honor of 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Russian Orthodoxy in the British Isles, the press service of the Diocese of Sourozh, uniting the parishes of the Moscow Patriarchate in Great Britain and Ireland, said.

"The parish meeting confirmed the wish of the parishioners and the children of the Russian Orthodox Church living in the British Isles for His Holiness Patriarch Kirill to head the anniversary celebrations. The relevant invitation was sent by the Archbishop Elisey of Sourozh to His Holiness," the press service said.

Currently the restoration work on the cathedral is being concluded. The thorough reconstruction of the interior of the bell tower with installation of the bell-gable and casting of a set of bells, one of which is due to be decorated with the profile of Queen Elizabeth II in honor of her 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary [birthday], is also being planned.

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### **(3) MURDER OF PRIEST IN EGYPT IS AIMED AGAINST EFFORTS TO RESTORE PEACE THERE — PATRIARCH KIRILL**

**Moscow, July 8, Interfax** — Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia offered condolences over the killing of priest Rafael Moussa.

"It was not the first attack on a Christian priest. The murder committed by the terrorists is in the sequence of other crimes targeting the civil population of North Sinai and aimed at frustrating the efforts that the Egyptian people make to fully restore peace in their long-suffering land," the patriarch said in his letter of condolences to Coptic Patriarch Tawadros II.

Patriarch Kirill, as cited by his press service, is "convinced that these efforts will be crowned with success, because the ideology of killing and destruction will never be able to lay for itself a strong foundation in society."

The Coptic priest was shot in the end of June in the city of Al-Arish. Terrorist group *Islamic State* (banned in Russia) took responsibility for the crime.