



The Breaking Dawn

KEEPING FAITH WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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“IN THE END MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH!”



Sasha and his mother Rosa in Syzran, Russia.

*“Go to the land of His request for global peace given through me in Fatima.
The unity of your hearts, minds, and souls shall bring conversion
in a land satan has worked to withdraw from my Son’s love.
Run to my children who long to hear your hearts.
Russia is the ransom for the peace the world yearns for.”*

Travelling through Russia or Ukraine one does not get the sense that the fall of communism has brought joy, hope, peace or virtue to that land of sorrows. Except in the very small Christian communities you do not find joy in those countries. Getting off the airplane you gradually acclimate to a different culture where everything is grey, and bleak, and weary and sorrowful. Because of Mary’s prophetic words, first spoken at Fatima, we believe and hope in a resurrection of faith in Russia, but today on every street in that land the faces are long and sorrowful, weary, defeated, alone and afraid and unaware of what their fate holds.

In the autumn of ‘99 three of us (siblings) went on pilgrimage to Ukraine and Russia, hoping to bring love and joy to our brothers and sisters in the East. We landed at Borispol airport, 20 miles from Kyiv, drove to our rented apartment, and embarked on 7 weeks of travels which took us all over Ukraine, and into Russia where we visited missions in Moscow, Kazan, Syzran and Penza.

NEW CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN UKRAINE

One week we travelled by car through southern Ukraine with Fr. Piotr, a Polish priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Their 15 priests in Ukraine work at difficult mission outposts in several southern Ukrainian cities including Obuchiv, Krivij Rig, and Evpatoria (in the Crimea). For 4 days we drove 10 hours a day with Fr. Piotr south towards the Black Sea, stopping at these missions for Holy Mass, a meal, and then back in the car where we had lots of time to say rosaries. In most places they have Holy Mass in the same

apartment where the priests live. The devotion of the faithful is so fervent, you immediately understand that they have found a treasure they will never again relinquish.

You are very weary upon returning to America, where our economic optimism sometimes makes us oblivious to the suffering in those eastern countries. What can we write? The difference in spirit is so great! We can give our words no power. Only the Holy Spirit can enflame hearts.



Pilgrims with Oblate fathers in Krivij Rig church.



Oblate Fr. Piotr and parishioners in Obuchiv, Ukraine.

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“To pray and work for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart.”

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FATIMA PROPHECY

At Fatima in July 1917 Mary gave the 3 children a prescription to avoid WWII and other calamities by requesting the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and the 5 First Saturdays devotion. *"If my requests are not granted she [Russia] will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the church. The good will be martyred...But in the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph, [and] Russia will be converted..."*

Through contemporary mystics Mary continues to plead regarding Russia, especially with urgent exhortations to prayer and sacrifice:

"Pray, and in your prayers ask for the conversion of Russia. Without this conversion, the world will perish in the evil of the antichrist. I am telling you again that the conversion of Russia shall save not only today's Christian civilization, but it shall be a great impulse for the future spread of Christianity throughout the world. Although there is an atheist Russia, there is also an atheist west. Although atheism is not yet officially proclaimed as the sole true faith in the west ...its purpose is the same as in Russia. Pray constantly for Russia."

[Our Blessed Mother to Ukrainian mystic Josyp Terelya]

Mary prophesies her Immaculate Heart will triumph, bringing hope to our hearts. She asks us us to take her Immaculate Heart to her children in Russia by our prayers and our deeds. We found her Immaculate Heart in Penza when visiting an Orthodox monastery. As two of us walked out of the church following a prayer service a little old nun, hunched and shrunken called after us asking where we had come from—a gentle joyful smile creasing her face. We said America. Her face was radiant with joy and love, and her spirit fortified us for our travels.



Sisters visit Tripillia Orphanage.



Oblate Fr. Piotr building monastery in Obuchiv.



Orphans on bluff of Dnipro river.



Bishop Stanislav dedicates ground for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin church in Kyiv.



With Syroge, Valla, Roman & Katya.



Alya & Anya at home in Moscow.

OUR LORD WILL RESURRECT RUSSIA

"Your sister [Russia] is dead, but the Lord is near her now and will resurrect her and Love will love the Unloved and she will cry up to Him "You are My God and Savior" with this cry the demons shall take flight...for this nation will become one and God's most devoted servant, healed and resurrected by God's Strength, her stature of holiness will attract all her neighbors by her devotions to the Almighty. Her hymns and chants that are so sweet in Our ears, with her graceful movements, will rise up to heaven like incense. Love will resurrect her as He resurrected her a thousand years ago." [Jesus the Christ]

And what a joy it is to find vibrant faith in small communities dotting the map. The photos in this newsletter illustrate the hopeful resurrection of small parishes here and there. This is the work of God's Holy Spirit Who comes to nourish and give life. One's soul thrills to find the humility and piety of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia. We don't travel there as knights in shining armor, but instead as weary downtrodden sinners seeking a cool fresh drink of the waters of lowly humility and simplicity. Their broken spirits and their hearts purified by suffering bring refreshment to ours.



Fr. Joseph, Fr. Alexander Gurski, Johanna, Sr. Luda and Natalia at Caritas office in Kyiv.



Moscow rosary group with Ivan Lupandin (bearded).

MARY'S HEART WILL TRIUMPH

In Kiev we came across Fr. Alexander Gurski at the Caritas office one day. He was in town on a visit from his mission parish in Cherkasy, having arrived by bus earlier that day, seeking aid for a parish project. Knowing nothing of his needs we gave him the \$300 we had with us. Moments later with tears in his eyes he told us he had gone to the Carmelite monastery earlier that morning to pray to St. Therese for his financial needs—exactly \$300!

“My Jesus began this mission by my presence in Fatima. The fullness shall now be realized globally. There shall be a great uniting of the flock. All hearts shall turn to God or be barren of His love and be cast away. Here beneath the signs are hidden the Triumph of my Heart in Russia. Man cannot understand this, cannot perceive this; but through a lively faith and trust in the divine power and miracles of God, which are outside the natural course of things, one will receive enlightenment and understanding. It is in a culmination of all these moments that the conversion of Russia shall be complete among the people. This conversion will bring a chain reaction throughout the world.”



Argentine missionaries in Kazan.



Youth group in Kazan after Holy Mass.



Ira ironing boys' school uniforms.



With Syzran parishioners.



Pre-school orphans Valla, Olga & Katya.



Monastery in Evpatoria, Crimea.

SPiRiT COURSES ALONG VOLGA

Driving south along the Volga river we visited missions in Kazan, Syzran and Penza Russia where the small parishes show steady growth, especially promising because of the young people who are filled with fervor. In Kazan, Holy Mass would begin at 5:00 p.m. in the renovated cemetery chapel, followed by Eucharistic adoration, the rosary and vespers—sung by the 4 Argentine sisters who assist the 3 Argentine priests. Sometimes the youth would gather for tea and biscuits after Mass and share their faith—telling of the persecution which is common in their homes where their

parents remain atheist. In each community the Holy Spirit dwells palpably in the warm, earnest, joyful hearts of the congregation. They are such generous hosts, with their tables, and with their spirits—and they make you promise to return soon.

“Just as the snow comes to be melted to give life to the earth, you will come into my heart to be melted to give life to my children in the East.”

“Very soon my heartlight may no longer be hidden by the ploys of evil. It shall rise in the East to give light to the West. As in the beginning of the dawn, my Triumph shall be seen as the morning light in the East. It shall rise in every moment as it crests over the darkened horizon...My triumph shall then fill the heavens and shine across the earth and no man shall be able to doubt its victory and darkness shall not overpower it.”



Almost the entire Penza parish with Fr. Philip.



Church Repair in Penza.



Cola, Stas, Sasha & Syroge make brooms. [We stayed at the orphanage for four weeks]



QAMA volunteers at Saint Thomas More Church Englewood, Colorado who work, pray and sacrifice with you to help Mary rebuild the church in Russia.

Summary of Donations Past Four Months

RECIPIENT	CITY/COUNTRY	AMT.	PURPOSE
Carmelites	Koritnani, Ukraine	\$5,000	New Monastery
Fr. Sergio Ovando	Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine	\$3,000	New Novitiate
Internat Orphanage	Tripolje, Ukraine	\$1,800	Various Needs
Fr. Philip Andrews	Penza & Syzran, Russia	\$2,400	Construction
Fr. Diogenes	Kazan, Russia	\$1,000	parish needs
Fr. Alex. Gurski	Cherkasy, Ukraine	\$300	parish needs
Fr. Dmitro Hrihorak	Lutsk, Ukraine	\$1,000	Construction
Fr. Valeriy Felinski	Poltava, Ukraine	\$1,000	Open School
Fr. Juan Carlos Miles Jesu	Rome, Italy	\$500	Kazan Mission
Argentine nuns	Moscow, Russia	\$750	rent
Fr. Piotr	Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine	\$500	New Novitiate
Fr. Waldemar	Obuchiv, Ukraine	\$500	New Monastery
Fr. Marian	Krivij Rig, Ukraine	\$300	parish needs
Sr. Maria of Jesus	Evpatoria, Ukraine	\$300	parish needs
	Kazan, Russia	\$200	food/heat

NOTE FROM JOANNE:

Please! Make a sacrifice for the church in Russia

PRAYER TO OUR VIRTUOUS MOTHER

Sweet Holy Mother, virtuous in all things, open my heart today to be dutiful to the Sacred Mysteries of the Trinity and to be obedient to the Sacred Word of God. Bring me dear mother to the feet of your Son Jesus, that I may follow Him along the path to holiness. Keep me close to Christ, walking with a steady pace, that I may neither look to the world nor to vain glory lest I fall from the straight and beautiful path to salvation. Be my protection as I am in darkness. Strengthen and solidify my resolve to do God's Holy Divine Will. Put my heart at ease in the Heart of Jesus as I place my heart in yours. Oh Mary! Queen of the Apostles, and Holy Virtuous Heart, have mercy on me and lead me to God through the great and wondrous virtues. Amen.