



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

January 31, 2020

Happy New Year!! Maybe we can see things more clearly in “20-20”! We are grateful to you for your donation, and pray for you in return. We know that our rewards are “out of this world”!

Thank you for your donation! Thank you, too, for all your prayers for us during 2019, and let’s hope we will see a lot of better things in 2020! Maybe you can share our need with some friends?—we need more income--Seminary education is expensive—Thank you for your prayers for our seminarians, too! We will be happy to include you in all our prayers in 2020—every day!

This is a photo from the Hospice here in Vladivostok where our volunteers—sisters, brothers, and laity--work with the dying.



All the members of the joint choir during the Christmas Festival of Choirs here in our church on January 12.

The Christmas Festival of Christian Choirs is our main ecumenical event of the year, with our choir, the Lutheran choir, the Methodist choir, and a Presbyterian choir participating. The Orthodox choirs usually don’t want to participate, but their choirs are professionally paid choirs, whereas the other choirs are amateurs. This year the Baptist choirs did not participate.

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On January 20 was the ordination to the diaconate in Ho Chi Minh City of our Brother Mark Dao, C.J.D. He will be working with our Vietnamese parishioners here in Vladivostok (50 already) and will be ordained a priest for us six months from now. The enthusiasm of the Vietnamese adds a lot to our parish! And Brother Mark is an enthusiastic guy himself. His favorite word is “Amazing!”



Priests and choir members who attended the ordination, including (in the middle) Fr Dan, Bro Mark's mother, and the new deacon Mark.

Thanks, and God bless you in the New Year! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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Special Needs List:

1. Currently, in our new religious community we have 30 postulants and aspirants who are mostly seminarians, 29 major seminarians already in vows all of whom have spent their novitiate in Vladivostok, and 12 priests. At the end of February we will have a bill of \$18,850 to pay the tuition of our seminarians in Russia. (Gulp!!) I hope benefactors will come though again! **“Tuition”**