

December 10/November 27, 2008
St. James the Persian

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Russia Missionary Society. We have eight parishes and one convent scattered throughout Russia and Ukraine, including Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kazan, Michurinsk, Crimea and other communities in Ukraine. Significant changes have taken place in our Church this year. We now have one priest, Hieromonk, to serve all eight parishes. He is committed to make a pastoral visit to at least one distant community each month, accompanied by his co-struggler Monk Martinian. Together, they will be traveling thousands of miles each year.

This fall, for the first time, the faithful in Russia began to gather money themselves to help pay Fr. Job's traveling expenses. This was an important development. For now, however, they will still need the help of the Russia Missionary Society. We also are committed to give Fr. Job a small monthly stipend, as he and Fr. Martinian live in utter poverty. At times, they have been compelled to stand on the street, begging alms from passersby.

To achieve its modest goals, the Russia Missionary Society is seeking a small number of donors. We are looking for people to pledge \$20 to \$50 per month. If you are willing and able to commit to such monthly contributions, please fill out the accompanying form and return it to the Russia Missionary Society with your initial contribution. On behalf of Fr. Job and our faithful in Russia, we thank you for your generosity.

In Christ,

+Ephraim, Metropolitan of Boston

I will contribute \$_____ a month to the Russian Missionary Society.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Please mail this form along with your initial contribution to: Russia Missionary Society,
43 Central Square, Lynn, MA 01901. Make your check payable to RMS.

If you have any questions, please contact our Treasurer, Fr. Deacon Yakov Tseitlin at
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