

# GREEK ORTHODOX PROPHECIES

## Saint Kosmas Aetolos (1714-1779) the equal to Apostles

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The complete PROPHECIES of Saint Kosmas from Aetolia Greece, who was a Hieromonk on Holy Mount Athos.

**"When you will see the "one thousand ships" in Greek waters, then it will come."** Saint Kosmas Aetolos

From the book "**Kosmas of Aetolia**" by the Metropolitan of Florina Augustinos Kantiotis, ed. Orthodox Missionary Brotherhood "The Cross" from which is the numbering. Prophecies also have been added from other manuscripts referred in the book "SAINT KOSMAS THE AETOLOS, Life and Prophecies" by the theologian Mr. Triantafyllou, and the excellent work of the Abbess of St. Kosmas Aetolos' Monastery in Megadendro Thermo, Nun Efthymia: "The prophecies of Saint Cosmas Aetolos in History." (See more at the end of this text). Notes added by Leontios Monahos Dionysiatis (LMD) of Holy Mount Athos.

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1. **"This one day will be Roman (Greek) and fortunate whoever lives in this kingdom."** (He used to say this in various parts of enslaved Greece, which thereafter gained their freedom from the Turkish yoke).

2. **"Oh blessed mountain, how many souls of women and children you will save, when the adverse years come!"** (He said this prophecy in Siatista, northwestern Greece, and elsewhere facing the mountains, which at the time of the Greek Revolution were dens of women and children).

3. **"You here, who are found up in these high mountains are fortunate, because these will keep you away from many evils. You will hear and you will not see the danger. Three hours or three days you will suffer."** (It was said at the region of Siatista).

4. **"The desired fact will come about the third generation. It will be seen by your grandchildren."** (It was said in Himara - This very important prophecy of the Saint, which nursed the sweetest hope of the enslaved Greek nation, took amazing verification. Because the time of the liberation of the Nation is actually the third generation by the year prophesied that from the Saint, because as we know, each generation is estimated at 25 years).

5. **"There will come a time for your enemies to take even the ash from the fire, but do not change your faith like others will."** (It was said in Siatista).

6. **"I pity you because of the pride you have. My leg will not step here again. And if you don't stop these things that you do, the arbitrariness and robbery, you will be destroyed. In this branch, where you hang your swords, it will come a day that the gypsies will hang their musical instruments."** (It was said in the village of Saint Donatos, Souli).

7. **"There will come the red caps and then the Englishmen for 54 years, and then it will become Roman (Greek)."** (It was said in Cephalonia on the liberation of the Ionian Islands - "Red hats" are called the French soldiers from the color of

their headgear during the Napoleonic period. This prophecy found amazing fulfillment. Because after the Venetians the Ionian Islands were taken over by the French, and after their departure there came the English, whose stay lasted 54 years, that are as many as prophesied by the Saint. In 1810 the English seized the Ionian Islands. (Except Corfu, which surrendered in 1815 to Campbell, and in 1864 they handed it to Greece).

8. **"The boundaries of Romans will be the Vovoussa (River Aaos)."** (It was said in the OldArta). -It happened already, see the next prophecy. LMD-

9. **"From there will come the Romans?"** (This prophecy was said by the Saint in Preveza showing that part of the mainland from which would come the army of freedom. This occurred in 1912).

10. **"The suffering will be much more. Remember my words. Pray, act and endure steadily. Until the wound of this plane tree closes, your village will be enslaved and unhappy."** (It was said to Tsaraplana, today Vasilikon of Epirus. The wound of the plane was closed in 1912, year of liberation of Epirus. Act means to work yourselves to be freed and not passively to wait others to liberate you - LMD).

11. **"When will come the desired?"** Asked the Saint in Tsaraplana of Epirus. **"When these come together,"** answered the Saint showing two saplings. (The saplings grew, fattened and joined together in 1912).

12. **"The desired will come when two Paschal celebrations come together."** (In fact in 1912 the Annunciation and Easter celebrations coincided).

13. **"Once it is closed the (branches of) tree and the rod is closed inside, then will come the desired. There will be a sign and do not be afraid. Go when the sun goes down to those mountains (the Homalia and Merope), which will save many souls. Do not take anything with you, only your lives to save, and the evil will not last more than 24 hours."**

14. **"The villages of the valley will suffer turmoil, while at the feet of Mt Kissavos they will sleep slaves and wake up free."** (It was said in Larissa).
15. **"If this cypress is dried from the top, Greece will be freed. If it is dried from the bottom, will not be free."** (It was said in Zelenitsa (Prasia) of Evritania).
16. **"With difficulty will come"** (Saint is referring to the desired).
17. **"When you will see the "one thousand ship" in the White Sea, then it will come."** (Very large assemblage of ships (naval) in the Aegean -White Sea- which is opposite to the Black Sea. For more see the 62th prophecy LMD-).
18. **"When you will see the "one thousand ship" in Greek waters, then it will come."**
19. **"When you will see the "one thousand ship" in Greek waters, then it will be resolved the issue of Constantinople (Istanbul)"** (Saint Kosmas here means the fleet of security in the seas of the entire planet. See No 62 for more - LMD).
20. **"It will come suddenly. You must have a bag with wheat hanging at the door. This will block you on leaving. Do not leave it. Get it with you to feed your children."**
21. **"In Avlona (Vlora, in Albania) will be destruction. Troops will come to liberate the place."**
22. **"In Boukormae will be shed much blood."**
23. **"When you hear that the war started, then it is near."**
24. **"Those villages which are near the road a lot will suffer."** (Be away from Egnatia Highway & para-Egnatia! - LMD).
25. **"Dropolis will suffer because the place is bare."** (Area of Northern Epirus, filled with vineyards then, but not trees that could hide people during the fighting. So Saint Kosmas brought olive nurseries with him and told people not to plant grapes, but olives and other trees. Already the prophecy has been verified many times. - LMD).
26. **"Dropolis will be full of troops."** (At the "General War" as the Saint called World War III-LMD).
27. **"The harvest of that year will be lost from the fertile Dropolis and - my mother! - how much blood will be shed."**
28. **"Puddles and rocks in Dropolis will be filled while leaving."** (At the Albanian manuscript, the prophecy is as follows: "The mountains, valleys and plains of Dropolis will be full of refugees").
29. **"You, in the villages of Pepeli, wrongly will fear. You will not sustain any damage. Only your children who will be in the streets you will cry for."**
30. **"The antichrists will leave, but shall come again. Then you will chase them to Red Apple Tree."** (This tree means the headquarters of the red-flag Antichrists i.e. the bloodthirsty enemies, perhaps in Mecca or the Muslim countries. -LMD)
31. **"It will come when two summers and two Paschal celebrations will come together."** (The release of Northern Epirus by the atheist regime of Hodja was in 1991, coinciding the feast of Easter and Evangelism in the old Calendar, which was in use at the time of Saint Kosmas. The 2 good times -summer in Greek means good time- refer first to the overthrow of the communist -atheist- rule and democratization of the countries of Eastern Europe, and secondly, to the generally good economic situation of that time. LMD)
32. **"Foreign troops will come, Christ they will believe in, language they will not know..."**
33. **"There will come once a foreign crowd who will believe in Christ. But you will not know it."**
34. **"With others you will sleep and with others you will dawn."** (It will come suddenly. LMD). The 149th prophecy in the manuscript of Triantafyllou says: **"In the evening we will sleep soundly and in the morning we will find the streets filled with a foreign crowd."**
35. **"You'll see three families in one house."**
36. **"You will go to reside elsewhere, and others shall come to dwell in your place."**
37. **"You'll see 40 horses to be tied up to a peg."** (Cars with engine 40 hp).
38. **"Many will be lost from hunger."**
39. **"The rich will become poor and the poor will die."** (Concerns not only the physical but also spiritual wealth, because it is increasingly compromised by the corrupt age, due to the general degradation of impiety, materialism, and immorality. LMD)
40. **"A handful of gold a handful of flour."** The 81st of Triantafyllou: **"They will dig in their homes to hide (wheat) for bread. Whoever will have hidden some of it, will not dare to go to the mill. They will grind in the hand mill."** (It has been proved true also during World WarII. -LMD).
41. **"The time will come that the Greeks will fight each other. I recommend concord and love."**
42. **"You will see regular army, and you will see rebels (guerrilla). You will suffer much from the last of them."**
43. **"They will ask rifles from you. Have double, give one and keep the other. A rifle will save 100 lives."** (To be taken seriously into consideration by the islanders. LMD). In the 99th of the book by Triantafyllou: **"Foreign troops will come, Christ will believe, language will not know. They will seek weapons. You must have double."**

**You give the one and keep the other. With others you will sleep and with others will dawn."**

44. **"The time will come when the mute and dumb objects will manage the world."** (By "mute and dumb", in Greek "alala & balala", the Saint means the soulless machines of various inventions. They replaced and all the more replace working hands and dominate in the life of people as newer idols worshipped by the material-minded world. - The mute are computers, virtually quiet, and the dumb are noisy machines bii... buu...-LMD)

45. **"The cause of the General War will come from Dalmatia."** (From there found occasion the 2 previous World Wars. Because both Archduke Franz Ferdinand, whose murder (28 June 1914) has prompted the First World War and Hitler who started the Second one, were Austrians. From there, perhaps Kosovo, the opportunity is already being prepared to start the third as well - LMD)

46. **"The cause of the general war will come from Dalmatia. First will split Austria and then the Turkey."** (The Austro-Hungary was dissolved back in 1918, and its occupied in the past land of Yugoslavia partitioned after 1990, so it is Turkey's time now. - LMD)

47. **"The destruction will be done by a scurfy man (Cassidiari in Greek)." The prophecy in the Albanian manuscript reported as follows: "The destruction will come from a blind and scurfy man."** (Scurfy man - is he who is suffering from cassida=alopecia or scurf. But it reminds us too, of the Cassidics or Chassidics, a branch of Jews without good doctrines about God. Blind people are spiritually unbelievers, non-baptized, and scurfy allegorically are those having additionally contracted an illness in their head that is mental. See also the 80th prophecy. - LMD)

48. **"They will try to resolve it by pen, but they will not be able. 99 times by war and one by pen."**

49. **"If 3 powers are found to agree, nothing bad will happen to you."**

50. **"If the matter is solved by war you will suffer many disasters. In three countries one will remain ..."**

51. **"The time will come when you will not hear (= learn) anything."** (End of communications, radios, televisions, etc. Verified and in Albania, where the Hodja had the people in a terrible state with 50 drams of bread a day per person, and to prevent revolt he isolated them from all over the world and he was saying that Greece and the West live worse! - LMD)

52. **"Whatever they ask from you give them. Only save your life."** Also the 107th of Triantafyllou says: **"The doors will close. People will be afraid to get out."**

53. **"If they find silver as they walk, will not bend down to get it. But for a cob they would kill each other trying to get it first."** (It will then occur terrible hunger. What food to find then in the supermarket! Besides the hunger from deprivation of goods, there is from a manuscript of

Vassiliki Vassilopoulou hunger also due to inadequate food: **"Your dishes will be full, but the food will not be edible"**. And: **"The time will come when you will have all the goods, but will not dare to eat them,** - manuscript of Athanasopoulos. Genetically modified, contaminated food, etc. - LMD)

54. **"The evil will come to you from the learned (educated)." (The inventions of the learned including the modern predatory economic system, for which indeed we are proud! In Arnea Halkidiki said: "When the young will rule there will be evil." Also: "Refugees from the East will come to assistance of Macedonia". They came and come returnees, ethnic Greek and mostly Christian Orthodox: Russians, Georgians, Ukrainians, etc. LMD)**

55. **"Or three days or three months or three years it will endure."** (Confirmed in many cases of fighting for liberation of Greek territories from the Turks. Another prophecy says: **"Or two days it will last, or two months."** For Northern Epirus the Saint said: **"Your freedom will be a little earlier or a little later than the outcome of the issue of Constantinople"**.- manuscript Kalyvopoulou LMD).

56. **"Time will come when there will not be this harmony, as in our days, among the people and clergy."** (I.e. in his time Saint Kosmas accepts harmonic relationship between clergy and laity. -LMD).

57. **"The clergy will be the worst and most impious of all."** (When St. Kosmas was saying this, some clergy from the audience resented and said: **"Oh Holy one, great insult to us."** And the Saint replied: **"Ah, what am I? Am I not from your class? I tell you that this one day will happen."** Manuscript of Kalyvopoulou, from magazine "Northern Epirus". The ethical misdeeds come first. Then dominates spiritual obfuscation, which is followed with the descent into falsehoods, even in heresy. Here he speaks both on ethical (worst) and falsehoods (most wicked) wrongdoings e.g. Pan-religion. In another manuscript, **"The clergy will become like the laity, and the lay people like animals."** Also: **"Hear my brethren Christians. Time will come when will not be this harmony, which is present, between the people and clergy. When a priest will go to a layperson's home, as he will leave, they (the laypeople) will cense with incense. If he will sit on a bed, after his departure they will shake (clean) it. If the people encounter a priest on their way, they will come back and will not continue their way."** Manuscript of Kalyvopoulou -LMD).

58. **"In Constantinople will spill so much blood that a 3 year-old calf would swim in it."** Also, according to the ed. of "Mikra Zyme" (Little Dough) of village Thermo, Trihonetes in Greece 2003, he said: **"6-fingered man gave the City, and 6-fingered man will receive it."**

59. **"Fortunate whoever will live after the general war. He will eat with silver spoons..."**

60. **"After the general war will live together the wolf with the lamb."**(«And will graze the wolf with the lamb, and leopard will rest with kid», as said the prophet Isaiah: 11:6. This occurs at the propagation of the Gospel, according to Saint

Basil the Great: "...Predicting the allogeneic nations' society, which was to become in Christ, speaks **-Isaiah- like that**". - 39th speech to the Annunciation -. Then the wicked-wolves spiritually are transformed in pious-lambs. But according to Holy Chrysostom: "**Wolf calls the Holy Scripture the - predator- rich, lamb the poor**". -MPG 50. p. 437- So during the "Blink" of Orthodox Christianity after WWII, this verb of St. Kosmas will be done both spiritually and secularly. -LMD).

61. **"First will come a pseudo-Roman (false Greek). Not to believe in it. It will flee back."**

62. **"It will be gathered the "1000 ships Navy" to Skaloma (Agioi Saranta) and the red- vested shall come, to fight for you."** ("We talk about a "thousand ship Navy". That's not just our ships. It's an international fleet of like-minded nations participating in security operations around the world." It is from the official website of the US Navy: [www.navy.mil/navydata/leadership/quotes.asp?q=11&c=2](http://www.navy.mil/navydata/leadership/quotes.asp?q=11&c=2)) So, the time is ...now! -LMD.

63. **"The Turks will go away, but will come back again and will arrive up to the Hexamilia (6-miles location). Finally you will drive them out into the "Red Apple tree". From the Turks the 1/3 will be killed, the other third will be baptized, and only 1/3 will go to Red Apple Tree"**. ("Red Apple Tree": Location, which the imagination of enslaved Greeks put into the depths of the Great Asia, see and Pr. 30).

64. **"So many terrible events will happen, that the mothers will give birth prematurely from their fear."**

65. **"Animals will not be left. They will eat them. Eat you too with them. At Tzoumerka you will get seed (their breed)." (Whoever will anticipate let go to high mountains, away from the streets! -LMD). In Albanian manuscript we read: "Horses will not be left. And you will go with them. From (Mount) Tzoumerka you will take their breed again."**

66. **"Do not make big houses. Yard-walls to make, so they don't come inside."** (Saint Kosmas says here that people with large and luxurious homes, often lose them when wars start, because they are usually converted into houses or headquarters of the army, as happened during the 1st and 2nd World War by the occupying forces. But to make fenced yards with gates, so they cannot come easily for grabs, indoors. - LMD)

67. **"They will impose you a huge and unbearable tax, but will not catch up."** (Of course something big will happen, like the explosion of the great war. Confirmatory are the two following prophecies).

68. **"They will put a tax on chickens and on windows"**. (I.e. livestock and houses, which already occurred, so the events are near. It remains only the enlistment of the following prophecy! - LMD)

69. **"They will request to take you as soldiers, but they will not catch up"**. (The «Allies» plan and other wars for peace! Albright -U.S. Secretary of State- was saying when NATO

bombed Serbia that such interventions will be ongoing for 25-50 years! But God's plans are different! - LMD)

70. **"The Turks will be informed of the secret 3 days sooner than the Christians"**. (The Albanian manuscript has the following prophecy: **"The Turks will realize it three days sooner than the Christians"**).

71. **"When you hear that the war was caught underneath (the south), then it will be soon."**

72. **"If the war is caught underneath, you (Greeks) will suffer only a little. If it is caught from above (the North), you will be destroyed."** (The reason -start- will be from above i.e. Dalmatia - Kosovo, which already was with the NATO intervention in 1999, and is the starting of East - West confrontation of interests inside New World Order, but will get caught underneath (the South) - LMD).

73. **"The rocks and the pits will be full of people."**

74. **"It will come suddenly. It will be either the ox in the field or the horse on the threshing floor."** (October or July. - LMD)

75. **"It's sad for me to say it to you: today, tomorrow, we expect thirst, great hunger that even giving thousands of gold coins we will not find some bread."** (About thirst there is, from the collection of Vassiliki Vassilopoulou, the prophecy of St. Kosmas: **"The taps will run dry and the rivers will be dirty."** Also from the collection Kalyvopoulou: **"Time will come when will be great thirst and the devil will go around to the pits with his pumpkins full of water. He will only give to his own"**. Basically refers to the era of the Antichrist and the marked people with his sign or a chip.- LMD)

76. **"After the (general) war, people will run half an hour to find a human and make him brother."** (In some places, as in Turkey, the situation will be even worse. You will walk 7 hours, says elder Paisios to see someone. - LMD)

77. **"Do not plant vineyards, because they will spoil, as those in Dryinoupolis"**.

78. **"There will be a paperwork that will have (great) future in the East."** (Elsewhere is indicated as "little" rather than "great." - LMD)

79. **"The world will be so much bankrupt, as to be belted with vine branches."**

80. **"The reason will come from Deleiata."** At the 101st collection of Triantafyllou: **"The very big war will begin from a small state."** Also in the 102nd of Triantafyllou: **"The war will start from a small state of Ottomans. The Greeks will go to war last as gravediggers. In the end, the Christians will win."** The 108th of Triant.: **"When war breaks out in Dalmatia, and the marked man will appear, the protagonist at outrages, near will be the end of the world."** (When the war broke out to Kosovo, March 1999, protagonist was the U.S. President Bill Clinton who had

been charged with several scandals, the most famous being erotic, but was blamed for much heavier ones, such as the use of intelligence for selfish purposes, etc. It is not known if he is additionally sealed (marked) in some way... LMD).

81. **"France will liberate many Greek places and especially the Italians will, too."**

82. **"France will liberate Greece, and Italy the Epirus."** (Epirus is in northwest Greece).

83. **"Through three narrow passages, Kra, Krapsi and Mouzina will pass a lot of troops to go to the City (Constantinople). It would be good for women and children to go out to the mountains. You will be asked if the City is far away. Do not say the truth, because they will abuse you. This army will not reach the City, in the middle of the road they will know that the war has finished".** (Obviously they go to occupy the City, held by the Russians, who will be already in battle against the army of the West. Probably this army will be aid of recruiting reservists from Western countries. We (Greek) must be like fools to everything they tell us. Another manuscript states: **"From three narrow passages, troops will pass to the City. They will ask how far it is. You must answer that it is near, because they will be tired and can do to you something bad."** In another manuscript: **"They will pass filthy troops from the Esperia places of the West and they will ask: where is the City, is it near? Those who will say it is near they will not harm, those who will say it is far away they will kill."** And here it seems that these troops have no desire to hear about wars especially long, and will not tolerate other opinions than their own. (How far is it will they ask, not the location, but the outcome of events in the city. Another similar: **"Woe to the plains. Filthy nations shall come. When they will come do not be afraid, when they leave go aside"**. I.e. they are immoral and stubborn, so be careful ... and stay away! - LMD)

84. **"The time will come when the devil will make rounds with his pumpkin."** (Satellites - LMD).

85. **"You will see others going up and others down"**.

86. **"The freedom will come from below, where the water is poured."** (It happened in the Greek Revolution locally, but also in Egypt, the Nile with many waters. There Rommel was defeated at El Alamain - Saint Minas - and so was the fate of the Second World War determined. - LMD)

87. **"From above and from the stairway (Skala) turmoil (don't) expect."** (The "not" in other manuscripts, as in collection of Kalyvopoulou is "to" and this is the right one, because that's what happened during the wars for liberation from the Turkish yoke, and also the 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. - LMD)

88. **"One bread will be lost half and one whole"**.

89. **"The time will come when one woman will drive away ten Turks with a distaff** (with which they spin wool)." (When the Russians suddenly occupy Turkey, then the task forces of the Turks, those located outside Turkey, will not

know where to hide - LMD)!

90. **"Curse the Pope, because he will be the reason."** (Pope, and Vatican as a state, intervenes everywhere because of interests! Already, the Pope expressed openly in favor of the New World Order, which has caused bloodshed in many countries before the final bloodshed of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World War comes. Notice here that St. Kosmas prophetically excludes all possibility of (every) Pope's repentance and return from his falsehoods. Because only the demons are cursed as unrepentant... - LMD)

91. **"The destruction in the land will be done by one official's name ... (illegible)"**

92. **"Many villages will be destroyed; the three countries will become one."**

93. **"Have three doors; if they hold one, leave from the other."**

94. **"If one hides behind a door, he will be saved; it will be fleeting."**

95. **"Supplicate that it will be day and not night, summer and not winter."**

96. **"People will stay poor because they will not have love for the trees."**

97. **"People will stay poor, because they will become lazy."**

98. **"From high up, through the port will come the destruction."** (This was verified also in Pearl Harbor, during the Second World War - LMD).

99. **"They will throw to you much money; (Then) they will ask you to take it back, but will not."** (Elsewhere is written **"will not make it in time."** They will offer many "packages" and loans to control Greece economically. However, they will not manage to get back their money due to some very serious cause, such as the outbreak of the Great War! For the same reason is stated in another prophecy, the No 67: "They will impose significant and onerous tax but will not make it in time"... - LMD)

100. **"You'll save others and the others you."**

101. "You will leave from the left mountains; from the right side not; by the caves do not be afraid."

102. **"It will come suddenly; the horses will be left spanned to their jobs and you will leave."**(The machines will work producing electricity, motion, cooling, heating, communications, etc., but people will not have the time, nor will be interested to stop them. - LMD)

103. **"It will be eighth (great) century when these will take place"**. (Eighth great century is the period between the years 7000 to 8000 approximately since Adam. Because Christ was born in year 5508 since Adam, 1992 was the year 7500 since Adam, based on this numbering of the Fathers of the Orthodox Christian Church, which is different from that of

the Jews. The year 2012 AD is the year 7520 since Adam. - LMD)

104. **"Conceal yourselves either near the door or near the plate, if it is hasty (fleeting) and fast."**

105. **"A lot will happen. The cities will end up like shanty towns".**

106. **"The time will come when the damned demon will be expelled from his skull."** (Maybe getting power from the witchcraft and other impurities of people, demons will start to control the technology of dirty people, or may even emerge from the various devices such as televisions, computers, etc, or perhaps it will be by newer technologies like "Blue Beam".

Examples using conventional technology:

1. A few years ago (1991) in Chile, in a bank in the city Valparaiso, who had just upgraded its computer system with new equipment worth 7.3 million dollars, from a computer screen (terminal), jumped out demons. Indeed, the employee who saw them first, Maria Catalan (22 years old) died instantaneously after she turned over with her head between her legs!... Another employee named Carmen De La Fuente, died when she just tried to banish the creepy person from the computer, while another third employee, Louisa Morello (27 years old and mother of 2 children), was taken to the hospital in a state of coma from cerebral necrosis, as explained by the vice president of the Bank, Jorge Montalbo. The same said to reporters:

"It seems illogical and superstitious today to talk about demon-possession but there is no other explanation!" The strange thing about the whole case was that when the computer was off power, the creepy face of the demon remained there... Two technical experts who tried to control the computer system of the Bank were tossed and swirled away by some invisible force! Henceforth, nobody could get close enough, and the bank's manager called a priest who is known as an exorcist in Latin America named Hector Diaz, to exorcise the evil spirits! The news was so shocking, that TV channels in Germany discontinued their program and broadcasted from Chile the creepy demonic faces that emerged from the computer. Some feared that the Earth was under attack from outer Space!

2. It has happened in Thessaloniki in a Christian family, in their son's computer, to display "666" just as it was turned on! They deleted everything, did a new installation of the operating system and programs, but nothing. They put it then in a closet. From there it would turn on by itself without being plugged-in and again was displaying "666"! Finally they realized that they had to go to a good spiritual father, who indeed, after finding that an attitude of spiritual slump/indifference had begun in the family, and that from an unknown cause, it was granted by God, for the computer to become a seat of demonic power, he heard their confessions and put them in spiritual order. The demonic demonstrations then stopped. Orthodoxy is powerful, but only when we do not forget it!

The technology and especially the TV will be used by the Antichrist and his people with the aim of deceiving the

world, with the secret collaboration of evil spirits. Technological devices and demonic forces will then be so closely connected, that the device will correspond to the shell (skull) and demonic power to the animal that lives in it!

The results will be so terrible that "the elect" Christians will barely escape, and probably so because they will not watch TV! According to Starets Lavrenti from Russia, almost everyone who will see the Antichrist on TV will rush to support him. The image of the beast that will deceive the people in Revelation, will not talk based (mostly) on technology, but on the magic - supernatural imposition of any (non-believer) viewer. Then, for example, even a simple drawing of the Antichrist in a prominent place, will come to "life" and suddenly the Illustrated will become three-dimensional (affecting the imagination of the non-"elect"), and will command the people to worship him and be sealed! - LMD)

107. **"There will come once a false prophet; do not believe him and do not rejoice in him. He will leave again and not come back."**

108. **"The time will come when the Christians will rise up against each other."**

109. **"You must have a cross on the forehead, in order to be recognized that you are Christians."**

110. **"The army will not reach the City (Constantinople); in the middle of the road will come the news that the desired has come".**

In No 32 of B. K. Triantafyllou, Saint Kosmas said in Kolindros of Pieria the following also: **"The great battle will be in the City. There, all nations will gather, and so much blood will be spilled as for a calf to swim in. Winner will be the blond race. We will be with the blond race"**.

We, i.e. the Greeks, will not be military allies with the blond race, the Russians. As it is seen elsewhere and also supported by elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain, we will be independent. But we will be connected emotionally as Orthodox peoples, although the leaders of the war will have turned their interest to earthly conquests and will have materialistic and predatory attitudes. Russia will not be victorious in all phases of the war, as you can read in other prophecies. But in the end, Orthodoxy, from being persecuted until then, will prevail and will be broadcast in all countries. LMD).

In the 75th of Triantafyllou is reported that in Karia of Mount Olympus Saint Kosmas said: **"The time will come when the Russian race will go down to the Jews, where there will be war, and will swim a 3 year-old calf. It will be regular army. You will not suffer anything from it. But from the rebel troops you will suffer a lot. If they pass by Vlora, joy in Macedonia (the Northern Greece). If they pass through Macedonia, woe to Macedonia. There will be great evil"**.

(Those who will pass by Egnatia -Macedonia- or paraEgnatia -Vlore- will be the reserves of armies of the West who will go to fight the Russians. Especially after the end of war, returning in a semi-dissolved state i.e. as "rebels", perhaps

along with local gangs, they will plunder wherever they pass. So it is much better not to pass through Macedonia i.e. North Greece... LMD).

Another similar prophecy is the 103rd of the Triantafyllou collection: **"Once the Egnatia road is made, the troops will go through it. The head of the troops will have arrived in Constantinople and the tail will be located in Vlora (Albania)."**

111. **"Go and on the road you will be rewarded."** (It was said at Dervistani about someone who expressed himself ironically about the Saint. This man after a while was wounded en route by an enemy of his).

112. **"Say to those idols not to come here, but to turn back."** (As the Saint was teaching in Assos of Kephallenia, he interrupted for a moment his sermon and sent one listener to the house of the ruler of the place saying these words. This man left and found 4 ladies of aristocracy indecently dressed, who were ready to come and attend the preaching of the Saint).

113. **"You make homes as of lathe and will not dwell on them."** (The Saint said these words in Assos of Kephallenia, where one day he was going through a newly built house. After a while all the owners died except one nun).

114. **"This child will prosper; he will rule over Greece and will be glorified."** (It was said about Ioannis Kolettis, the later governor).

115. **"You will become a great man, you will conquer all Arvanitia, subjugate Preveza, Parga, Souli, Delvino, Gardiki and even this neat army of Kurt Pasha. You will leave a big name into the world. And in the City you will go, but with a red beard. This is the will of Divine Providence. Remember, however, throughout the duration of your power to love and defend the Christians, if you want to keep the power on your successors."** (It was said at Tepeleni about Ali Pasha. To the City went his severed head. The beard dyed red by his blood!)

116. **"Things will come out of schools which your mind cannot imagine."**

117. **"You'll see in the plain a car without horses running faster than a hare."**

118. **"A time will come when the place will be girded with a thread."** (Telecommunication services. This was said in Assos, Kephallenia).

119. **"Time will come when people will talk from a distant place to another, as if they were in adjoining rooms, for example from the City (Constantinople) to Russia."** About habitation in apartments and modern mentality, the Saint said under the 79<sup>th</sup> Triantafyllou: **"A time will come when people will be closed in large boxes, and their parents will die alone in small boxes"**.

120. **"You will see people flying in the sky as blackbirds and throwing fire to the world. Those who will live will run**

**into graves and shout: get out you dead so that we, the living, get in"**. (The five consecutive prophecies (116th - 120th) of the Saint refer clearly to the great inventions of our century. The cars without horses are trains and motor vehicles. The thread that winds around the world is the communications cables. The blackbirds, which will throw fire upon the earth, are the planes of the Air Force. These prophecies of Saint Kosmas were written in the books many years, about a century, before the related inventions).

121. **"The evil will come up to Cross and will not be able to go down. Do not be afraid. Do not leave your homes."** (It was said in the region of Grevena Polineri. Indeed in 1940 the Italians arrived up to the location Cross, in which the Saint had preached, and stopped).

122. **"When the branch will fall (in which the Cross was set up), there will be a great evil, which will come from the place where the branch will show; and when the tree will fall, there will be a greater evil."** (It was said in the village "Tsiraki" (today Saint Kosmas) in Grevena. Indeed, in 1940 the branch and the Cross dropped toward Albania, hence the Italians attacked, and in 1947 the tree fell, when the area was destroyed completely by the guerrilla war).

And about moral transgressions the Saint said: **"We will see and live Sodom and Gomorrah in our country"**, Vas. Vassilopoulou manuscript. (This is about homosexuality. Indeed, the European Parliament has recently decided to show the true face of corrupt Europe. From news (01/27/2006) magazine "Stylos Orthodoxias": «The European Parliament is leading the legal effort to establish the "perversion" and its protection in EU countries. Having apparently as a standard the ethical principles of Sodom and Gomorrah, it promotes resolutions supporting homosexuality. In this context, MEPs voted for a proposal of a joint resolution of the political groups, with 468 votes in favor, 149 against and 41 abstentions". With this resolution "any discrimination based on sexual orientation" is condemned, and Member - States are called upon to ensure the protection of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people from homophobic hate speech and violence»... Also, «The Member States and the Commission, must also intensify the struggle associated with measures of enlightenment against homophobia (!) in schools, universities, media, and take administrative, legislative and legal measures»... **I.e., even the children will be abused in a "progressive" way through violent imposition of sodomitic education on them.** In the land of the blind someone who sees is forbidden! **But the sin of Sodom - Gomorrah is punished with fire, just as it will be done in the coming 3rd World War. It is good this to be taught in schools too!** Let us remember the words of **elder Sophrony** of Mount Athos and later of Essex, about the time for the end of the World: **"When the new children, who will be born, will be distorted so that they will not be able to know the true God, then the end will come"**. See also "Epitomos" by LMD, in Greek. The advanced corruption justifies the characterization of St. Kosmas "filthy nations" and "filthy crowds of Esperia places" mentioned in previous predictions, of the troops who will go to line up against the Russians. - LMD).

In Halkidiki where St. Kosmas taught, according to the testimony of elders which was passed on to us by the captain

Mr. Paraskevas Kokonas, when the Saint was asked about the years of events in the City, he gave the following two points which will be preceding:

1st: **"The villages will be united"** and

2nd: **"Kravasaras in Athos will flourish."** I.e. the region of Mount Athos which is like a small cape between Dafni and the Monastery of Simon Petra. (Now the villages are combined not by dense population but administratively, first by the "Kapodistrias" plan and later by the "Kallikratis" plan. And the barren, until now, place of Kravasara, is filled not with plant crops, but with cells of Russian Monks. President Putin of Russia himself expressed interest for them, when he visited Mount Athos in 2005! So both these points have been fulfilled. -LMD).

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## **THE BOOK OF THE END**

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Let us consider some further prophecies:

1. Hieromonk Anthony of St. Sabbas' Monastery, based on Anonymous Greek Prophecies (8th or 9th century): "The last days have not yet arrived, and it is completely wrong to consider that we are on the threshold of the coming of the antichrist, because one last flourishing of Orthodoxy is still to come, this time in the whole world, headed by Russia. This will take place after a terrible war in which either one half or two thirds of humanity will perish, and which will be stopped by a voice from heaven: 'And the Gospel will be preached throughout the world'.

"1) For until that time there will have been preached, not the Gospel of Christ, but the Gospel distorted by heretics.

"2) There will be a period of universal prosperity - but not for long.

"3) In Russia during this period there will an Orthodox tsar, whom the Lord will reveal to the Russian people.

"And after this the world will again be corrupted and will no longer be capable of correction. Then the Lord will allow the enthronement of the Antichrist."[\[191\]](#)

2. Another Anonymous Prophecy from St. Sabbas' Monastery

(8th or 9th century): "At various times this great people [the Russians] will fall into sin and for this will be chastised through considerable trials. In about a thousand years [i.e. in the 1900s] this people, chosen by God, will falter in its Faith and its standing for the Truth of Christ. It will become proud of its earthly might and glory, will cease to seek the Kingdom and will want paradise not in Heaven but on this sinful earth.

"However not all this people will tread this broad and pernicious path, though a substantial majority will, especially its governing class. On account of this great fall, a terrible fiery trial will be sent from on high to this people which will despise the ways of God. Rivers of blood shall flow across their land, brother shall slay brother, more than once famine shall visit the land and gather its dread harvest, nearly all the churches and other holy places shall be destroyed or suffer sacrilege, many shall perish.

"A part of this people, rejecting iniquity and untruth, will pass over the borders of their homeland and will be dispersed like unto the people of the Jews all over the world. Nevertheless the Lord will not show His wrath on them to the uttermost. The blood of thousands of martyrs will cry to the heavens for mercy. A spirit of sobriety will grow among this chosen people and they will return to God. At last this period of cleansing trial, appointed by the Righteous Judge, will come to an end, and

once more Holy Orthodoxy will shine forth and those northern lands will be resplendent with the brightness of a faith reborn.

"This wonderful light of Christ will shine forth from there and enlighten all the peoples of the earth. This will be helped by that part of the people providentially sent ahead into the diaspora, who will create centres of Orthodoxy - churches of God all over the world. Christianity will then be revealed in all its heavenly beauty and fullness. Most of the peoples of the world will become Christian. And for a time a period of peace, prosperity and Christian living will come to the whole world...

"And then? Then, when the fullness of time has come, a great decline in faith will begin and everything foretold in the Holy Scriptures will occur. Antichrist will appear and the world will end."[192]

3. Monk Abel the Prophet (+1831). In a conversation with Tsar Paul I (+1801), after prophesying the destinies of all the Tsars from Paul I to Nicholas II: "What is impossible for man is possible for God. God delays with His help, but it is said that he will give it soon and will raise the horn of Russian salvation. And there will arise a great prince from your race in exile, who stands for the sons of his people. He will be a chosen one of God, and on his head will be blessing. He will be the only one comprehensible to all, the very heart of Russia will sense him. His appearance will be sovereign and radiant, and nobody will say: 'The Tsar is here or there', but all will say: 'That's him'. The will of the people will submit to the mercy of God, and he himself will confirm his calling... His name has occurred three times in Russian history. Two of the same name have already been on the throne, but not on the Tsar's throne. But he will sit on the Tsar's throne as the third. In him will be the salvation and happiness of the Russian realm."

4. St. Seraphim of Sarov (+1833): "There will one day be a Tsar who will glorify me [Nicholas II glorified St. Seraphim in 1903], after which there will be a great disturbance in Russia, much blood will flow because they will rise up against this Tsar and autocracy, but God will magnify the Tsar".

"More than half a century will pass. Then evildoers will raise their heads high. This will happen without fail: the Lord, seeing the impenitent evil of their hearts, will allow their enterprises for a short time. But their sickness will rebound upon their own heads, and the unrighteousness of their destructive plots will fall upon them. The Russian land will become red with rivers of blood...

"Before the birth of the Antichrist there will be a great, protracted war and a terrible revolution in Russia passing all bounds of human imagination, for the bloodletting will be most terrible: the rebellions of Ryazan, Pugachev and the French revolution will be nothing in comparison with what will take place in Russia. Many people who are faithful to the fatherland will perish, church property and the monasteries will be robbed; the Lord's churches will be desecrated; good people will be robbed of their riches and killed, rivers of Russian blood will flow... But the Lord will have mercy on Russia and will bring her along the path of great sufferings to glory."

"The Lord has revealed to me, wretched Seraphim, that there will be great woes on the Russian land, the Orthodox faith will be trampled on, and the hierarchs of the Church of God and

other clergy will depart from the purity of Orthodoxy. And for this the Lord will severely punish them. I, wretched Seraphim, besought the Lord for three days and three nights that He would rather deprive me of the Kingdom of Heaven, but have mercy on them. But the Lord replied: 'I will not have mercy on them; for they teach the teachings of men, and with their tongue honour Me, but their heart is far from Me.'"

"The Lord has ordained that I, poor Seraphim, am to live much longer than 100 years [he died for the first time at the age of 73 in 1833]. By that time the Russian hierarchs will become so impious that they will not even believe in the most important dogma of the Faith of Christ - the resurrection of Christ and the general resurrection. That is why it will be pleasing to the Lord God to take me from this very temporary life for a time and then, for the establishment of the dogma of the resurrection, to raise me, and my resurrection will be like the resurrection of the seven youths in the cave of Okhlon... After my resurrection I will go from Sarov to Diveyevo, when I will preach universal repentance. At this great miracle people will assemble in Diveyevo from all the ends of the earth, and there, preaching repentance to them, I will open four relics. Then Diveyevo will be a universal wonder, for from it the Lord God will send the Light of Salvation not only for Russia, but also for the whole world in the times of the Antichrist. I will open four relics and I myself will lie down between them as the fifth. But then will come the end of everything..."

"I think... that the eighth thousand [of years: 1992 A.D. = 7500 since the creation of the world] will pass. I think that it will pass!... Everything will pass and come to an end. And the monasteries... will be destroyed, but at poor Seraphim's in Diveyevo the bloodless Sacrifice [the true Eucharist] will be celebrated until the very day of the coming of Christ."

"Constantinople and Jerusalem will be inhabited by the combined powers of Russia and the others. At the division of Turkey almost all will go to Russia, and Russia with the united forces of many other States will take Vienna, and about 7 million native Viennese will remain under the house of the Hapsburgs, and there the territory of the Austrian empire will be constructed. To France for her love for the Mother of God, the holy Madonna, will be given up to 17 million Frenchmen with its capital in the city of Rheims, while Paris will be completely destroyed... When the Russian Empire will receive 170 million into its dominion, we must expect the appearance of the Antichrist. 1) The Antichrist will be born in Russia between Petersburg and Moscow, in that great town which will be formed after the union of all the Slavic tribes with Russia. It will be the second capital of the Russian Kingdom and will be called 'Moscow-Petrograd', or 'the City of the End', which name will be given to it by the Lord God, the Holy Spirit, Who foresees everything from afar. 2) Before the birth of the Antichrist an Eighth Ecumenical Council must be convened of all the Churches under the One Head, Christ and under the one Protecting Veil of the Mother of God [according to St. Nilus the myrrh-gusher: "a last and eighth Ecumenical Council to deal with the disputes of heretics and separate the wheat from the chaff]. Its aim will be to unite and reunite all the holy Churches of Christ against the growing antichristian tendency under a single Head, Christ the Life-Giver, and under a single Protecting Veil of His Most Pure Mother, and to deliver to a final curse against the whole of Masonry and all the parties similar to it (under whatever names they may appear), the

leaders of whom have one common aim: under the pretext of complete egalitarian earthly prosperity, and with the aid of people who have been made fanatical by them, to create anarchy in all states and to destroy Christianity throughout the world, and, finally, by the power of gold concentrated in their hands, to subdue the whole world to antichristianity in the person of a single autocratic, God-fighting tsar - one king over the whole world.

“Satan was the first revolutionary and through this fell from heaven. Between the teaching of his followers and the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ there is nothing in common, but a huge gulf. The Lord through the doing of the commandments given by Him calls mankind to heaven, where righteousness dwells. The spirit of darkness promises the building of paradise on earth.

“The Jews and the Slavs are the two peoples of the destinies of God, the vessels and witnesses of Him, the unbroken arks; but the other peoples will be as it were spittle which the Lord will spit out of His mouth. The Jews were scattered over the face of the whole earth because they did not accept and did not recognise the Lord Jesus Christ. But in the times of the Antichrist many Jews will be converted to Christ, since they will understand that the Messiah whom they mistakenly wait for is none other than he about whom our Lord Jesus Christ said: ‘I have come in the name of My Father, and they have not received Me, another will come in his own name, and they will receive him.’ And so, in spite of their great crime before God, the Jews were and are a people beloved before God. But the Slavs are beloved of God because they will preserve true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to the end. They will completely reject the Antichrist and will not accept him as the Messiah, for which they will be counted worthy of great blessings by God. They will be the first and most powerful people on the earth, and there will be no more powerful state than the Russian-Slavic in the world.

“Jesus Christ, the true God-man, the Son of God the Father by the descent of the Holy Spirit, was born in Israel, while the true antichrist-man-god will be born amidst the Slavs and Russians. He will be the son of a virgin adulteress of the tribe of Dan and the son of the devil through the artificial transfer to her of male seed, with which the spirit of darkness will dwell together in her womb. But one of the Russians who will live to the birth of the Antichrist will, like Simeon the God-receiver, who blessed the Child Jesus and announced His nativity to the world, will curse the antichrist at his birth and will announce to the world that he is the true antichrist.” [193]

5. Elder Porphyrius of Glinsk (+1868) said: "In due course, faith will collapse in Russia. The brilliance of earthly glory will blind the mind. The word of truth will be defiled, but with regard to the Faith, some from among the people, unknown to the world, will come forward and restore what was scorned." [194]

6. Archimandrite Jonah (Miroshnichenko) (+1902) said: “You will see what will happen in fifty years’ time: everyone will forsake the Law of God and will fall away from the faith, but then they will again come to their senses and turn back and live in a Christian manner.” [195]

7. Elder Barnabas of Gethsemane Skete (+1906): "Persecutions against the faith will constantly increase. There will be unheard-of grief and darkness, and almost all the churches will be closed. But when it will seem that it is impossible to endure any longer, then deliverance will come. There will be a flowering. Churches will even begin to be built. But this will be a flowering before the end." [196]

8. St. John of Kronstadt (+1908): “I foresee the restoration of a powerful Russia, still stronger and mightier than before. On the bones of these martyrs, remember, as on a strong foundation, will the new Russia we built - according to the old model; strong in her faith in Christ God and in the Holy Trinity! And there will be, in accordance with the covenant of the holy Prince Vladimir, a single Church! Russian people have ceased to understand what Rus’ is: it is the footstool of the Lord’s Throne! The Russian person must understand this and thank God that he is Russian”. [197]

“The Church will remain unshaken to the end of the age, and a Monarch of Russia, if he remains faithful to the Orthodox Church, will be established on the Throne of Russia until the end of the age.” [198]

9. Elder Aristocles of Moscow (+1918): "An evil will shortly take Russia, and wherever this evil goes, rivers of blood will flow. It is not the Russian soul, but an imposition on the Russian soul. It is not an ideology, nor a philosophy, but a spirit from hell. In the last days Germany will be divided. France will be just nothing. Italy will be judged by natural disasters. Britain will lose her empire and all her colonies and will come to almost total ruin, but will be saved by praying enthroned women. America will feed the world, but will finally collapse. Russia and China will destroy each other. Finally, Russia will be free and from her believers will go forth and turn many from the nations to God." [199]

"Now we are undergoing the times before the Antichrist. But Russia will yet be delivered. There will be much suffering, much torture. The whole of Russia will become a prison, and one must greatly entreat the Lord for forgiveness. One must repent of one's sins and fear to do even the least sin, but strive to do good, even the smallest. For even the wing of a fly has weight, and God's scales are exact. And when even the smallest of good in the cup tips the balance, then will God reveal His mercy upon Russia."

"The end will come through China. There will be an extraordinary outburst and a miracle of God will be manifested. And there will be an entirely different life, but all this will not be for long."

"God will remove all leaders, so that Russian people should look only at Him. Everyone will reject Russia, other states will renounce her, delivering her to herself – this is so that Russian people should hope on the help of the Lord. You will hear that in other countries disorders have begun similar to those in Russia. You will hear of war, and there will be wars. But wait until the Germans take up arms, for they are chosen as God’s weapon to punish Russia – but also as a weapon of deliverance later. The Cross of Christ will shine over the whole world and our Homeland will be magnified and will become as a lighthouse in the darkness for all." [200]

10. Martyr-Eldress Duniushka of Siberia (+1918): "Brother will rise up against brother! They will destroy everything acquired by their ancestors.... They will sweep away religion, and -- most importantly -- there will be no master in the land!" The master in the land, of course, is the Tsar' – God's Anointed One! He cannot go anywhere. This trouble will come upon everyone and grind them up, as though in a meat-grinder... The war will end, and its end will turn the whole country upside-down. Insurgents will appear – leaders – who will incite the people against the Tsar'... It will be terrible!

"And later, they will seize upon religion. They will sweep away that which has been gathered through the ages and assiduously preserved by our ancestors. But it will be impossible for them to root it out; the roots will remain – and, after many years, they'll give forth a most-beautiful bloom and fruit....

"The Tsar will leave the nation, which shouldn't be, but this has been foretold to him from Above. This is His destiny. There is no way that He can evade it. For this, He will receive a martyr's crown on earth, for which he will then receive an eternal crown, a Heavenly one.... He will be a prayerful Intercessor for the nation and the people, when the chastisement fallen upon dozens of generations for the harm done to God's Anointed One will reach an end.... The generations to come will bear the responsibility for this act on the part of their ancestors... The disaster in the land will disperse the people; they will be scattered to various countries, losing touch with one another. But, wherever Russians go, they will bring their culture and their religion.

"At the far end of Russia, there will be an enormous earthquake. The waters will break out of the ocean, flooding the continent, and many nations will perish. Many diseases beyond understanding will appear.... The face of the earth will change.... The people will comprehend their guilt; they will come to understand how far they have departed from God and from His teachings, and then they will begin to be reborn spiritually, gradually being cleansed physically, as well. People will become vegetarians. By that time, many animals will have vanished. The horse and the dog will only be seen in pictures; and later – the cow, the goat, and the sheep will disappear forever from our planet.... People will no longer be interested in politics, and the spiritual principle of each nation will predominate...

"Russia will be supreme in the world. Her name will be 'Holy Rus'. All sects and religions will pour into Orthodoxy.... But Orthodoxy, and -- essentially speaking -- religion, will draw closer to what it was in Apostolic times. . . . In those centuries to come, there will no longer be any tsars or kings. In 'Holy Rus', a Prince will reign, who will come from the nation that gave us our religion [i.e., Byzantium]. He will be a supremely spiritual person, who will provide the opportunity for uplifting the moral fibre and the spiritual principles of the nation....

"In the course of one of those centuries, Asia will bestir herself; she will try to penetrate into Europe, but her attempts will be futile. No one will ever overcome 'Holy Rus', and only through her will salvation come to the world.... "[201]

11. Hieromartyr Andronicus, Archbishop of Perm (+1918): "For its oath-breaking God has for the time being taken reason and will from the whole people, until they repent. It will be

slow, but they will repent, at first gradually, but then they will completely recover their spiritual sight, they will feel strength and, like Ilya Muromets, will cast off this horror which has wrapped round the whole of our country... Perhaps I will not be alive, but I do not abandon my hope and confidence that Russia will be resurrected and return to God." [202]

12. Elder Anatolius (Potapov) of Optina (+1922) "There will be a storm. And the Russian ship will be destroyed. Yes, it will happen, but, you know, people can be saved on splinters and wreckage. Not all, not all will perish..." But he also prophesied that canonical unity would be restored: "A great miracle of God will be revealed. And all the splinters and wreckage will, by the will of God and His might, be gathered together and united, and the ship will be recreated in its beauty and will go along the path foreordained for it by God. That's how it will be, a miracle manifest to all..." [203]

13. Elder Alexis (Mechev) of Moscow (+1922): "When the time comes, God will send the necessary people, who will do this work [the salvation of Russia] and will annihilate the Bolsheviks in the same way that a storm breaks the wood of a mast." [204]

14. Elder Nectarius of Optina (+1928): "Russia will arise, and materially she will not be wealthy. But in spirit she will be wealthy, and in Optina there will yet be seven luminaries, seven pillars." [205]

15. Martyr-Eldress Agatha of Belorussia (+1939): "The atheist Soviet power will vanish, and all its servants will perish. The True Orthodox Faith will triumph, and people will be baptised as at one time they were baptized under St. Vladimir." [206]

16. Archbishop Theophanes of Poltava (+1940): "The coming of the Antichrist draws nigh and is very near. But before the coming of the Antichrist Russia must yet be restored - to be sure, for a short time. And in Russia there must be a Tsar forechosen by the Lord Himself. He will be a man of burning faith, great mind and iron will. This much has been revealed about him..." [207] "He will not be a Romanov, but he will be of the Romanovs according to the maternal line." [208]

"I do not speak from myself. But that which I have heard from the God-inspired elders, that I have passed on... The Lord will have mercy on Russia for the sake of the small remnant of true believers. In Russia, the elders said, in accordance with the will of the people, the Monarchy, Autocratic power, will be re-established. The Lord has forechosen the future Tsar. He will be a man of fiery faith, having the mind of a genius and a will of iron. First of all he will introduce order in the Orthodox Church, removing all the untrue, heretical and lukewarm hierarchs. And many, very many - with few exceptions, all - will be deposed, and new, true, unshakeable hierarchs will take their place. He will be of the family of the Romanovs according to the female line. Russia will be a powerful state, but only for 'a short time'... And then the Antichrist will come into the world, with all the horrors of the end as described in the Apocalypse." [209]

17. Hieroschemamonk Seraphim (Vyritsky) of Moscow (+1942): "When the East will get stronger, everything will become shaky. Numbers are on their side. But not only that: they have sober workers and industrious people, while there is such drunkenness with us... There will come a time when

Russia will be torn into pieces. At first they will divide it, and then they will begin to steal its wealth. The West will do everything to help the destruction of Russia and for a time will give its eastern part to China. The Far East will fall into the hands of Japan, and Siberia – to the Chinese, who will begin to move into Russia, marry Russian women and in the end by cunning and craftiness will seize the territory of Siberia as far as the Urals. But when China will want to go further, the West will resist and will not allow it... The East will be baptised in Russia. The whole heavenly world, together with those on earth, understand this, and pray for the enlightenment of the East.”

18. Elder Theodosius (Kashin) of Minvody (+1948) said, shortly after the outbreak of war with Germany in 1941: "Do you really think that that was the war (1941-45)?! The war is still to come. It will begin from the east. And then from all sides, like locusts, the enemies will spread over Russia... That will be the war!"

“During that memorable conversation,” wrote Schema-Archimandrite Seraphim (Tyapochkin), “a woman from a Siberian town was present. The elder said to her: ‘You will receive a martyr’s crown from the hands of the Chinese in your town’s stadium, where they will drive the Christians who live there and those who do not agree with their rule. This was the reply to her doubts with regard to the words of the elder that practically the whole of Siberia will be captured by the Chinese. The elder told what had been revealed to him about the future of Russia, he did not name dates, he only emphasized that the time for the accomplishment of his words was in the hands of God, and much depended on how the spiritual life of the Russian Church would develop, insofar as the strength of faith in God among the Russian people would correspond to the believers’ struggles in prayer... The elder said that the collapse of Russia, in spite of her apparent strength and the cruelty of the authorities, would take place very quickly. At first the Slavic peoples will be split off, then the Union republics will fall away: the Baltic, Central Asia and Caucasian republics and Moldavia. After this central power in Russia will weaken still more, so that autonomous republics and regions will begin to separate themselves. Then a great collapse will take place: the power of the Centre will cease to be recognized de facto by the autonomous regions, which will try to live independently and will no longer pay any attention to orders from Moscow. The greatest tragedy will be the seizure of Siberia by China. This will not take place through military means: in consequence of the weakening of the authorities and the open frontiers, masses of Chinese will move into Siberia, will snap up property, enterprises and flats. By means of bribery, intimidation and agreements with the authorities, they will gradually take control of the economic life of the towns. Everything will take place in such a way that one morning the Russians living in Siberia will wake up... in a Chinese state. The destiny of those who remain there will be tragic, but not hopeless.

The Chinese will deal cruelly with every attempt at resistance. (That was why the elder prophesied a martyric end in the stadium of the Siberian town for many Orthodox and patriots of the Homeland.) The West will assist this creeping conquest of our land and in every way support the military and economic might of China out of hatred for Russia. But then they will see the danger for themselves, and when the Chinese try to conquer the Urals, this time by military might, and go even further, they

will by all means hinder this and will even be able to help Russia in deflecting the invasion from the East. Russia must stand her ground in this battle; after sufferings and complete impoverishment she will find in herself the strength to recover. And the coming regeneration will begin in the lands conquered by the enemies, in the midst of Russians left in the former republics of the Union. There Russian people will realise what they have lost, will recognise themselves to be citizens of that Fatherland which is still alive, and will want to help her rise from the ashes. Many Russians living abroad will begin to help the re-establishment of life in Russia... Many of those who are able to flee from persecutions will return to the immemorial Russian lands so as to fill up the abandoned villages, till the neglected fields and use the mineral resources that remain untapped.

The Lord will send help, and, in spite of the fact that the country will have lost its main seams of raw materials, they will find the oil and gas without which a contemporary economy cannot work, in Russia. The elder said that the Lord would permit the loss of huge territories given to Russia because we ourselves were not able to use them worthily, but only spoiled and polluted them... But the Lord will leave in Russia’s possession those lands which became the cradle of the Russian people and were the base of the Great Russian state. This is the territory of the Great Muscovite Principality of the 16th century with outlets to the Black, Caspian and North seas. Russia will not be rich, but still she will be able to feed herself and force others to reckon with her. To the question: “What will happen to Ukraine and Belorussia?” the elder replied that everything is in the hands of God. Those among those people who are against union with Russia – even if they consider themselves to be believers – will become servants of the devil. The Slavic peoples have one destiny, and the monastic Fathers of the Kiev Caves [Lavra] will yet utter their weighty word – they together with the choir of the new martyrs of Russia will by their prayers obtain a new Union of the three brother peoples. The posed one more question to him – on the possibility of the restoration of a monarchy in Russia. The elder replied that this restoration must be earned. It exists as a possibility, but not as something pre-determined. If we are worthy, the Russian people will elect a Tsar, but this will become possible before the very enthronement of the Antichrist or even after it – for a very short time.”[\[210\]](#)

19. Blessed Pelagia of Ryazan (+1968): “The bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church will fall away from the truth of the Orthodox Faith, they will not believe in the prophecies of the resurrection of Russia. To reprove them St. Seraphim of Sarov will be raised from the dead... He will reprove the clergy for their treachery and betrayal, and will preach repentance to the whole world. Seraphim of Sarov will explain the whole of history, will recount everything and will reprove the pastors like children, will show them how to cross themselves, and much else... After such wonderful miracles the clergy will have a devotion for the Lord, that is, it will teach the people to serve the batyushka-tsar with all their heart.

“The Antichrist will come to power and will begin to persecute Orthodoxy. And then the Lord will reveal His tsar in Russia. He will be of royal family and will be a strong defender of our faith... When the Lord will give this very intelligent person, life will be good!... The Antichrist will declare himself from America. And the whole world will bow down to him except

Tsarist Orthodox Russia.”

[192] Archbishop Seraphim, “The Destinies of Russia”, The Orthodox Herald, January-February, 1996 (in Russian); Fomin, op. cit., pp. 316-318; translated in Phillips, op. cit., pp. 299-300.

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[194] Elder Porphyrius, in Fr. Theodosius Clare, The Glinsk Patericon, Wildwood, CA: St. Xenia Skete, 1984, p. 129.

[195] Fomin, S. & Fomina, T. Rossia pered Vtorym Prishestviem, Sergiev Posad, 1998, third edition, volume II, p. 331 (in Russian).

[196] Elder Barnabas, in Fr. Seraphim Rose, "The Future of Russia and the End of the World", The Orthodox Word, 1981, vol. 17, nos. 100-101, p. 211. Most of Fr. Seraphim's quotations were taken from Orthodox Russia, N 21, 1969.

[197] St. John of Krsontadt, in Fomin, op. cit., p. 249. Fomin and Fomina, vol. II, op. cit., p. 331.

[198] Fomin and Fomina, op. cit., p. 338.

[199] Schema-Monk Epiphanius (Chernov), personal communication.

[200] Elder Aristocles, in Rose, "The Future of Russia", op. cit.; Fomin & Fomina, op. cit., p. 435; "To the Memory of Abbess Barbara", Orthodox Life, vol. 33, no. 4, July-August, 1983, and I.K. Sursky, Father John of Kronstadt, Belgrade, 1941, p. 325 (in Russian). St. John of Kronstadt also prophesied that the deliverance of Russia would come from the East (Sursky, op.

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[201] St. Duniushka, <http://www.geocities.com/kitezgrad/prophets/duniushka.html>. Excerpted from the Diary of V. Zarskaya-Altayeva. Translated into English by G. Spruksts,

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[204] Elder Alexis, in Sursky, op. cit., p. 196; ); Fomin and Fomina, op. cit., p. 332..

[205] Elder Nectarius, in Rose, op. cit.

[206] Martyr-Eldress Agatha, in I.M. Andreyev, op. cit., pp. 422-423.

[207] Fomin & Fomina, op. cit., p. 436.

[208] Archbishop Theophanes, in Schema-Monk Epiphanius (Chernov), personal communication; Fomin & Fomina, op. cit., p. 436.

[209] Archbishop Theophanes, in Betts, Marchenko, op. cit., pp. 111-112; Fomin & Fomina, op. cit., p. 436.

[210] Fomin, & Fomina, op. cit., vol. II, pp. 473-473.

## THE FUTURE OF RUSSIA AND THE END OF THE WORLD

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### A Lecture given at the Youth Conference of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, San Francisco, August 3, 1981 by Blessed Hieromonk Seraphim (Rose)

Every Orthodox Christian is placed between two worlds: this fallen world where we try to work out our salvation, and the other world, heaven, the homeland towards which we are striving and which, if we are leading a true Christian life, gives us the inspiration to live from day to day in Christian virtue and love.

But the world is too much with us. We often, and in fact nowadays we usually forget the heavenly world. The pressure of worldliness is so strong today that we often lose track of what our life as a Christian is all about. Even

if we may be attending church services frequently and consider ourselves “active” church members, how often our churchliness is only something external, bound up with beautiful services and the whole richness of our Orthodox tradition of worship, but lacking in real inner conviction that Orthodoxy is the faith that can save our soul for eternity, lacking in real love for and commitment to Christ, the incarnate God and Founder of our faith. How often our church life is just a matter of habit, something we go through outwardly but which does not change us inwardly, does not make us grow spiritually and lead us to

eternal life in God.

## OUR TIMES

We live in the times which our Lord warned us about in the Gospel, when “the love of many shall grow cold” [Matt 24:12], in the latter times when the Christian Gospel which was received with such fervor by the first Christians has become only one small part of the worldly life that most of us lead, instead of the center and meaning of our life — which is what it should be if we realized what our faith really is. Orthodox Christianity, as a burning faith which we are not ashamed to confess and to have as the most precious thing in our life, is to a great extent in a state of decline and retreat in the world today.

But ironically — and providentially — as Orthodoxy has seemed to retreat, Russia (or rather, the Soviet Union, the atheist regime that has enslaved the Russian land) has advanced and now has a leading, perhaps the leading position in the world history of our times. Therefore, what is happening in the Soviet Union today is looked to with great interest by the rest of the world. And significantly, a good part of what is happening in the Soviet Union today concerns the life of the real Russia — Orthodox Russia. The Orthodox revival in Russia today is closely bound up with the future of the Russian land.

In the 19th and early 20th century Russia before the Revolution of 1917, there were prophecies of spiritual men not only concerning the coming of atheism to Russia and the epoch of blood and slavery which it introduced into the world, but also concerning what would happen to Russia after this epoch, if the Orthodox Russian people would repent of the sins which produced it.

Let us, therefore, look at these prophecies and the way they are bound up with what is happening in Russia today. Let us look, not from the superficial point of view of the popular newsmagazines, but deeper, and try to see something of what is happening to the soul, to the heart of Russia, and what may be expected there according to these prophecies and according to our knowledge of the more general prophecies concerning what is to happen before the end of the world.

## THE END OF THE WORLD

But why should we speak of the end of the world? Are we really living in the last times of this world? Why do we bind together the future of Russia and the end of the world?

Even secular writers speak of our “apocalyptic” times. And truly, the problems that plague the world today — the exhaustion of resources and food, overpopulation, the literal monsters created by modern technology, and especially weapons capable of destroying entire countries

or even the whole civilized earth — all point to the approach of a crisis in human history quite beyond anything the world has ever seen, and perhaps to the literal end of life upon earth.

At the same time, religious thinkers point to the blossoming of non-Christian religious movements in our times and predict a “new age” in which a “new religious consciousness” will dominate men's minds and put an end to the 2000-year reign of Christianity. Astrologers refer to the “Aquarian Age” which they think is to begin around the year 2000. And the very approach of the year 2000 is enough to inspire in many minds the idea of a new epoch, somehow different from all the rest of human history.

Among many non-Orthodox Christians these ideas take the form of a teaching called “chiliasm” or “millenarianism” — the belief that Christ is soon to come to earth and reign right here with His saints for a thousand years before the end of the world. This teaching is a heresy that was condemned by the early Church Fathers; it has its origin in a misinterpretation of the book of Revelations (the Apocalypse). The Orthodox Church teaches that the reign of Christ with His saints, when the devil is “bound” for a thousand years [Apoc 20:3] is the period we are now living in, the whole period (1000 being a number symbolizing wholeness) between the first and second comings of Christ. In this period the saints do reign with Christ in His Church, but it is a mystical reign which is not to be defined in the outward, political sense that chiliasts give to it. The devil is truly bound in this period — that is, restricted in the exercise of his ill will against humanity — and believers who live the life of the Church and receive the holy Mysteries of Christ live a blessed life, preparing them for the eternal heavenly Kingdom. The non-Orthodox, who do not have holy Mysteries and have not tasted of the true life of the Church, cannot understand this mystical reign of Christ and so look for a political and outward reign.

And so it is that the future of the world, in which Russia obviously will have a central place, is bound up with ideas either of the end of the world in a physical sense, or the end of the civilized world as we know it and the coming of a new epoch of almost paradise-like qualities.

Some people have interpreted Russia's place in this new era in terms of the heresy of chiliasm. In fact, if we look closely at the teaching of communism, which has taken possession of Russian society in these past 60-some years, we can see that it is a secular version of the chiliast idea; it teaches that a totally new historical era begins with Communism, that when Communism finally dominates the world there will be universal happiness and the liberation of mankind from everything that has bound it in the past, including religion.

Today, after sixty years of the Communist experiment in Russia, and a shorter period in other nations, we can see how foolish are the beliefs underlying Communism. The reality of Communism is not paradise on earth, but Gulag; mankind has not been “liberated” at all, but enslaved worse than ever before. But Russia, the first country to experience the Communist yoke, is also the first country to begin to wake up from it and survive it; despite the continued reign of Communist tyranny in Russia, atheism has not captured the soul of Russia, and the religious awakening that can be seen now in Russia is undoubtedly only the beginning of something immense and elemental: the recovery of the soul of a whole nation from the plague of atheism. This is the reason why Russia today can speak a word of significance to the whole world, which is plunging into the same trap of atheism from which Russia is emerging; and this is why the future of Russia is so closely bound up with the future of the whole world, in a religious sense.

### **THE END OF THE WORLD IN CHRISTIAN PROPHECY**

Before turning specifically to the prophecies about Russia, I would like to summarize the general Orthodox teaching on what is to happen just before the end of the world. This will give us a context in which to place the prophecies regarding the future of Russia.

The events before the end of the world are described in a number of places in holy Scripture: the 24th chapter of Matthew and parallel places in the other Gospels; most of the book of the Apocalypse, especially chapter 8 and onwards; the second chapter of II Thessalonians; II Peter, chapter 3; several chapters of the book of Daniel; and other passages.

The Apocalypse describes these events in a series of visions: some bright and positive, relating to the fulfillment of God's justice and the salvation of His chosen ones; and some dark and negative, relating to the terrible plagues that will come on earth for the sins of mankind. Sometimes we today emphasize the dark and negative side, seeing the increase of evil around us; but that comes from our faintheartedness and worldliness — we must look at the whole picture.

As the time of the end of this world comes near, it is true that there will be a time of tribulation such as the world has never seen [Matt 24:21]: there will be famines, plagues, earthquakes, wars and rumors of wars, persecutions, false prophets and false Christs, and the love of many (including Christians) will grow cold. But at the same time the Gospel will be preached to all nations, and those who endure to the end with the aid of Christ will be saved.

The evil and false religion in the world will culminate in the reign of Antichrist, a world ruler who will seem to bring peace out of the world disorder and will seem to be Christ come again to earth, reigning from the restored Temple in Jerusalem.

But there will be those who see through the deception. In particular, two Old Testament prophets who did not die will return to earth — Elijah to convert the Jews, and Enoch to preach to the other nations. The short reign of Antichrist — only three and a half years - will end in new disorders and wars, in the midst of which Christ Himself will come from heaven, preceded by the sign of the Cross, and this world will be consumed by fire and totally renewed, at the same time that the bodies of the dead will arise from the tomb and be rejoined to their souls in order to stand before God's final judgment. Now, with this general background of the events of the last times, let us look at the prophecies regarding Russia.

### **THE FUTURE OF RUSSIA**

In 19th-century Russia a number of prophets — and even some far-seeing laymen like Dostoyevsky — foresaw the Revolution which would come upon Russia as a result of unbelief, worldliness, and a purely formal attitude towards Orthodoxy, devoid of the burning and self-sacrificing faith that Orthodoxy demands. Some saw this in general terms as a terrible disaster ready to overtake the Russian land, as did Bishop Theophan the Recluse when he looked at the lack of true Christian faith in so many people and exclaimed: In a hundred years, what will be left of our Orthodoxy?

Others saw more specifically the frightful Revolution which would spread to the entire world. Thus, St. John of Kronstadt said, in a sermon delivered in 1904: “Russia, if you fall away from your faith, as many of the intellectual class have already fallen away, you will no longer be Russia or Holy Russia. And if there will be no repentance in the Russian people — then the end of the world is near. God will take away the pious Tsar and will send a whip in the person of impious, cruel, self-appointed rulers, who will inundate the whole earth with blood and tears” [Father John of Kronstadt, 50th Anniversary Book, Utica, NY, 1958, p.164].

This is the state in which the world now finds itself, with nearly half of it drenched in blood and enduring tyranny which began in 1917 with the Russian Revolution. Is there any hope for deliverance, or will atheism simply conquer the whole world and set up the Kingdom of Antichrist? We have good reason to doubt that future events will be as simple as this, both because the very country that began the reign of atheism, Russia, is now undergoing a religious awakening which is already a hindrance to the spread of atheism, and also because Antichrist, according to

Orthodox prophecy, will not be simply an atheist tyrant like Stalin, but a religious figure who will persuade rather than compel people to accept him.

The holy men alive in Russia at the beginning of the Revolution were aware of the apocalyptic nature of this event and knew that it would be a long and difficult trial for the Russian land. But they also foresaw that there would be an end to this trial.

The Elder Alexius of the Zosima Hermitage, who was the monk who drew the lot that elected Patriarch Tikhon, heard people crying out in church in the Chudov monastery (this was in the early, confused months of the Revolution): “Our Russia is lost, Holy Russia is lost!” To this he answered: “Who is it that is saying that Russia is lost, that she has perished? No, no, she is not lost, she has not perished and will not perish — but the Russian people must be purified of sin through great trials. One must pray and fervently repent. But Russia is not lost and she has not perished” [Orthodox Russia, 1970, no. 1, p. 9].

Starets Anatole the Younger of Optina, in the very first days of the Revolution, in February 1917, made a prophecy in the form of a vivid picture of the future of Russia: “There will be a storm. And the Russian ship will be smashed to pieces. But people can be saved even on splinters and fragments. And not everyone will perish. One must pray, everyone must repent and pray fervently. And what happens after a storm? ...There will be a calm.’ At this everyone said: ‘But there is no more ship, it is shattered to pieces; it has perished, everything has perished.’ ‘It is not so,’ said Batiushka. ‘A great miracle of God will be manifested. And all the splinters and fragments, by the will of God and His power, will come together and be united, and the ship will be rebuilt in its beauty and will go on its own way as foreordained by God. And this will be a miracle evident to everyone.” [Orthodox Russia, 1970, no. 1, p. 9].

Elder Barnabas of the Gethsemane Skete spoke before the Revolution of the disaster coming upon Russia and the cruel persecutions against the Orthodox Faith. He said: “Persecutions against the faith will constantly increase. There will be unheard-of grief and darkness, and almost all the churches will be closed. But when it will seem to people that it is impossible to endure any longer, then deliverance will come. There will be a flowering. Churches will even begin to be built. But this will be a flowering before the end” [private letter from N. Kieter].

Schema-monk Aristocleus, not long before his death in August 1918, said that “now we are undergoing the times before Antichrist, but Russia will yet be delivered. There will be much suffering, much torture. The whole of Russia will become a prison, and one must greatly entreat the Lord for forgiveness. One must repent of one's sins and

fear to do even the least sin, but strive to do good, even the smallest. For even the wing of a fly has weight, but God's scales are exact. And when even the smallest of good in the cup overweighs, then will God reveal His mercy upon Russia. Ten days before the end (of his life) he said that the end would come through China. There will be an extraordinary outburst and a miracle of God would be manifested. And there will be an entirely different life, but all this will not be for long” [Orth. Russia, 1969, #21, p. 3].

Elder Nectarius of Optina in the 1920's prophesied: “Russia will arise, and materially it will not be wealthy. But in spirit it will be wealthy, and in Optina there will yet be seven luminaries, seven pillars” [I.M. Kontzevich, Optina Monastery and its Epoch, Jordanville, 1973, p.538].

Interestingly, St. John of Kronstadt also prophesied that the deliverance of Russia would come from the East [I.K. Sursky, Father John of Kronstadt, Belgrade, 1942, vol. 2, p. 24 — Excerpts from this work are in preparation for publication by the St. John of Kronstadt Press].

Archbishop Theophan of Poltava summed up in the 1930's the prophecies which he had received from such elders as these: “You ask me about the near future and about the last times. I do not speak on my own, but give the revelation of the Elders: The coming of Antichrist draws nigh and is very near. The time separating us from him should be counted a matter of years and at most a matter of some decades. But before the coming of Antichrist Russia must yet be restored — to be sure, for a short time. And in Russia there must be a Tsar forechosen by the Lord Himself. He will be a man of burning faith, great mind and iron will. This much has been revealed about him. We shall await the fulfillment of what has been revealed. Judging by many signs it is drawing nigh, unless because of our sins the Lord God shall revoke, shall alter what has been promised. According to the witness of the word of God, this also happens” [The Orthodox Word, 1969, no. 4, p. 194].

Thus we may see in the prophecies of these God-inspired men in the early part of this century a definite expectation of the restoration of Holy Russia, and even of an Orthodox Tsar, for a short time not long before the coming of Antichrist and the end of the world. This will be something miraculous and not an ordinary historical event. But at the same time it is something that depends upon the Russian people themselves, because God always acts through the free will of man. Just as Ninevah was spared when the people repented, and Jonah's prophecies about its destruction proved false, so also the prophecies of the restoration of Russia will prove false if there is no repentance in the Russian people.

Archbishop John Maximovitch of blessed memory, whose tomb is in the very cathedral where services were held this morning, reflected deeply on the meaning of the Russian Revolution and the exile of so many Russian people. In his report to the All-Diaspora Sobor in Yugoslavia in 1938 he wrote:

“The Russian people as a whole has performed great sins which are the cause of the present misfortunes: the specific sins are oath-breaking and regicide. The public and military leaders renounced their obedience and loyalty to the Tsar even before his abdication, forcing the latter from the Tsar, who did not desire bloodshed within the country; and the people openly and noisily greeted this deed, and nowhere did it loudly express its lack of agreement with it.... Those guilty of the sin of regicide are not only those who physically performed it, but the whole people which rejoiced on the occasion of the overthrow of the Tsar and allowed his abasement, arrest and exile, leaving him defenseless in the hands of the criminals, which fact in itself already predetermined the end. Thus, the catastrophe which has come upon Russia is the direct consequence of the terrible sins, and the rebirth of Russia is possible only after cleansing from them. However, up to this time there has been no genuine repentance, the crimes that have been performed have clearly not been condemned, and many active participants in the Revolution continue even now to affirm that at that time it was not possible to act in any other way. In not expressing a direct condemnation of the February Revolution, the uprising against the Anointed of God, the Russian people continue to participate in the sin, especially when they defend the fruits of the Revolution” [The Orthodox Word, 1973, no. 50, p. 91].

Of course, regicide — the killing of the anointed Tsar — is not the only sin that lies upon the conscience of the Orthodox Russian people. This crime is, as it were, a symbol of the falling away of Russia from Christ and true Orthodoxy — a process that took up most of the 19th and 20th centuries, and only now is perhaps beginning to be reversed. It is most interesting that in Russia itself today the question of the glorification of the Tsar together with the other New Martyrs is bound up with the lifting of the literal curse which has lain upon the Russian land since his martyrdom. Father Gleb Yakunin — who is now suffering a cruel imprisonment precisely for making statements like this — has written a letter to the Orthodox Russians of the Diaspora, signed also by several of his fellow strugglers, that expresses the same ideas about the Tsar that Vladika John has expressed. At the end of this letter he writes:

“The meaning for world history of the martyr's death of the Imperial Family, something that likens it to the most significant Biblical events, consists of the fact that here the Constantinopolitan period of the existence of the Church of Christ comes to an end, and a new, martyric,

apocalyptic age opens up. It is begun with the voluntary sacrifice of the last anointed Orthodox Emperor and his family. The tragedy of the Royal Family has lain like a curse on the Russian land, having become the symbolic prologue of Russia's long path of the Cross — the death of tens of millions of her sons and daughters. The canonization of the Imperial Martyrs will be for Russia the lifting from her of the sin of regicide; this will finally deliver her from the evil charms” [La Pensee Russe, Dec. 6, 1979; no. 3285;p. 5].

It is too simple, of course, to say that the glorification of the New Martyrs, including the Royal Family, will bring about the restoration of Holy Russia. But if the Orthodox people, both in Russia and in the Diaspora, would receive this act with all their hearts, and use it as an opportunity to repent deeply of their sins, there is no calculating the impact it might have on Russia.

One great prophecy of the future of Russia was known to only a few before the Revolution; it was so daring that the church censor would not allow it to be printed. It was found in the same collection of manuscripts of Motovilov that gave the world the famous “Conversation” of St. Seraphim on the acquisition of the Holy Spirit. This prophecy, which has now appeared in several printings in the last decade, concerns the literal resurrection of St. Seraphim before the end of the world. Here is what St. Seraphim told to Motovilov:

“Many times I heard from the mouth of the great God-pleaser, the Elder, Father Seraphim, that he would not lie in Sarov with his flesh. And behold, one I (Motovilov) dared to ask him: ‘Batiushka, you deign to say all the time that with your flesh you will not lie in Sarov. Does this mean that the monks of Sarov will give you away?’

“Your godliness, the Lord God has ordained that I, humble Seraphim, should live considerably longer than a hundred years. But since toward that time the bishops will become so impious that in their impiety they will surpass the Greek bishops of the time of Theodosius the Younger, so that they will no longer even believe in the chief dogma of the Christian faith: therefore it has been pleasing to the Lord God to take me, humble Seraphim, from this temporal life until the time, and then resurrect me; and my resurrection will be as the resurrection of the Seven Youths in the cave of Ochlon in the days of Theodosius the Younger.’

“Having revealed to me this great and fearful mystery, the great Elder informed me that after his resurrection he would go from Sarov to Diveyevo and there he would begin the preaching of world-wide repentance. For this preaching, and above all because of the miracle of resurrection, a great multitude of people will assemble from all the ends of the earth; Diveyevo will become a

lavra, Vertyanova will become a city, and Arzamas a province. And preaching repentance in Diveyevo, Batiushka Seraphim will uncover four relics in it, and after uncovering them he himself will lie down in their midst. And then soon will come the end of everything.

“Another time St. Seraphim spoke to Motovilov concerning the spiritual state of the last Christians who will remain faithful to God before the end of the world:

“ ‘And in the days of that great sorrow, of which it is said that no flesh would be saved unless, for the sake of the elect, those days will be cut short — in those days the remnant of the faithful are to experience in themselves something like that which was experienced once by the Lord Himself when He, hanging upon the Cross, being perfect God and perfect Man, felt Himself so forsaken by His Divinity that He cried out to Him: My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? The last Christians also will experience in themselves a similar abandonment of humanity by the grace of God, but only for a very short time, after the passing of which the Lord will not delay immediately to appear in all His glory, and all the holy Angels with Him. And then will be performed in all its fulness everything fore-ordained from the ages in the pre-eternal counsel (of the Holy Trinity)’” [The Orthodox Word, 1973, no. 50, pp. 123-4].

This prophecy was never printed in Russia, and yet it is known there today. In a letter from a priest, published in the first issue of the periodical *Nadezhda*, describing his visit to Sarov and Diveyevo and his discovery there that Holy Russia was still alive, and that nuns from the Diveyevo Convent (which was closed in 1926) still live there, there is this prophecy from an old woman, Evdokia, who had just received Holy Communion. Addressing the priest, she said: “Soon, soon, here in Diveyevo, there will be a celebration. Now it is not years, not months, but days and hours that remain until the opening of the monastery and the manifestation of four relics: those of the Saint, the Foundress (of Diveyevo) Alexandra, Matushka Martha, and Blessed Evdokeyushka, who was tortured and killed by the atheists.... The Saint commands me: Say to him and no one else...that soon, soon, both the monastery and the relics will be opened... He commands me to tell you that without fail you must come here for the opening of the church and the relics” [Nadezhda, 1977, no. 1, p. 148].

Of the fact that Holy Russia is still alive despite the continued reign of atheism in Russia, we have the testimony now of many observers in Russia itself. Here is what Gennady Shimanov says:

“Holy Russia cannot be buried, it cannot pass away; it is eternal and victorious, and it is precisely to it that the final word in the history of our people will belong.... Holy Russia went away only from the surface of contemporary

life, but it continues to live in its hidden depths, germinating until the time, so that in the time pleasing to God, having survived the winter, it will again break through to the surface and adorn the face of the Russian land, which has been so cruelly lashed by fiery and icy storms” [The Orthodox Word, 1973, no. 50, p. 98].

## RUSSIA'S MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

In the book which most thoroughly describes the events to occur at the end of the world, the Apocalypse of St. John the Theologian, at the opening of the seventh seal, which precedes the final plague to come upon mankind; it is said that there was silence in heaven for the space of half an hour [Apoc. 8:1]. Some have interpreted this to mean a short period of peace before the final events of world history — namely, the short period of the restoration of Russia, when the preaching of world-wide repentance will begin with Russia — that “new, ultimate word” which even Dostoyevsky hoped Russia would give to the world [Pushkin Speech, *The Diary of a Writer*, tr. Boris Brasol, New York, George Braziller, 1954, p. 980]. Under present world conditions, when the events of one country are known to the whole world almost instantly, and when Russia, cleansed by the blood of its martyrs, indeed has a better chance than any other country to awake from the sleep of atheism and unbelief — we can already conceive the possibility of such an event. As Father Dimitry Dudko and others have said, it cannot be that the blood of Russia's innumerable martyrs will be in vain; undoubtedly it is the seed of the last great flowering of true Christianity.

But it is easy to become lost in dreams of the future world. We should be aware of what is to happen at the end of the world, and of what may happen in Russia. But spiritual events such as the resurrection of Russia depend upon each individual soul. This seven will not happen without the participation of the Orthodox people — our repentance and struggle. And this involves not only the people of Russia itself — it involves the whole of the Russian Diaspora, and all the Orthodox people of the world.

Archbishop John, in the same report to the All-Diaspora Sobor of 1938 which I have already quoted, speaks of the apocalyptic mission of the Russian people outside of Russia:

“In chastising, the Lord at the same time also shows the Russian people the way to salvation by making it a preacher of Orthodoxy in the whole world. The Russian Diaspora has made all the ends of the world familiar with Orthodoxy; the mass of Russian exiles, for the most part, is unconsciously a preacher of Orthodoxy.... To the Russians abroad it has been granted to shine in the whole world with the light of Orthodoxy, so that other peoples, seeing their good deeds, might glorify our Father Who is

in heaven, and thus obtain salvation for themselves.... The Diaspora will have to be converted to the path of repentance and, having acquired forgiveness for itself through prayer to God and through being reborn spiritually (will) become capable also of giving rebirth to our suffering homeland” [The Orthodox Word, 1973, no. 50, pp. 92, 94].

Thus the Russians abroad by their living the true life of Orthodoxy, should be already preparing the way for St. Seraphim's preaching of world-wide repentance. To some extent this is happening, and one can even begin to see, parallel to the Orthodox revival in Russia, a genuine Orthodox awakening in America and other lands outside of Russia.

But it all depends on each one of us: if we are awakening to true Orthodox life, then Holy Russia will be restored; if we are not, then God can withdraw His promises.

Archbishop John ended his report to the 1938 Sobor with a prophecy and a hope that there will be a true Pascha in Russia that will shine forth to the whole world before the very end of all things and the beginning of the universal Kingdom of God:

“Shake away the sleep of despondency, O sons of Russia! Behold the glory of her suffering and be purified; wash yourselves from your sins! Be strengthened in the Orthodox Faith, so as to be worthy to dwell in the dwelling of the Lord and to settle on His holy mountain! Leap up, leap up, arise, O Russia, you who from the Lord's hands have drunk the cup of His wrath! When your suffering shall have ended, your righteousness shall go with you and the glory of the Lord shall accompany you. The peoples shall come to your light, and kings to the shining which shall rise upon you. Then Lift up your eyes and see: behold your children come to you from the West and the North and the Sea and the East, blessing you in Christ forever. Amen” [Ibid, p. 94]

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