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CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

“FEAR NOT, for He is risen, as He said!” (Matt.28:5-6). The apostles made the resurrection victory of Jesus the leading point of their preaching. The announcement that Christ conquered death is the central point of the gospel message proclaimed in the book of Acts. They believed in Jesus’ resurrection so firmly that they were willing to give their lives for that conviction. The Apostle Paul clearly made the resurrection the basis for his teachings on how we should live the Christian life.

Perhaps the greatest significance of the resurrection is found in the words, “As He said.” The resurrection is the greatest proof of the validity of both the Old and New Testaments. God always keeps His word. As H. Robb French wrote many years ago, “God’s truth will endure; our foundation is sure; there’s no need for a fear or care.” His Word is authenticated in human history in such miraculous ways that everyone who studies the Scriptures with an open mind comes to the conclusion that God has been in control. Because of Jesus’ victory over death and hell, we can be very sure He will help us overcome all our fears as well.

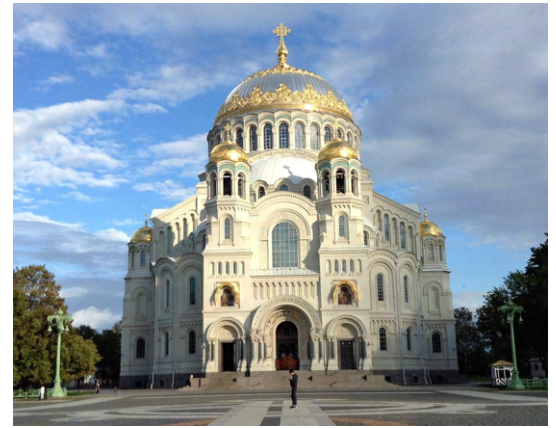


On the left is The Church on the Rock, the church in Vyborg we attended for many years.



On the right are Viktor and Irina Nasedkin, the new leaders of the Christian Center.

We still cherish fond memories of the Russia we knew. On the right is a great Russian Orthodox cathedral on the island of Kronshtadt, west of St. Petersburg, not far from Vyborg. It is similar in design to the Church of the Holy Wisdom in Istanbul, which the Turkish leaders have turned into a mosque. We are thankful we live in America where at least up until now the political leaders do not have the power to seize church buildings and convert them into anti-Christian sanctuaries.



Ladies choir in the House of Prayer in Vyborg—All are dear friends we remember in our prayers.



A traditional Russian Easter card with colored Easter eggs and cute little cakes. The message says, “Christ is Risen!”



Leaders from the Church on the Rock (pictured on page 1) meeting in the Christian Center just a few weeks ago

Judy and Richard our last summer in Russia in 2019



Wishing you all a most blessed Easter!

*All because of HIS Amazing Love,
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