
"MOSCOW TIMES"

Kretov Family Newsletter

Fall '2008 - II



His name shall be called Emmanuel...

God with us.

Matt. 1:23

Today I was reminded of a story about a clergyman falling into a deep sleep in his study on Christmas morning and dreaming of a world into which Jesus had never come.

In his dream he found himself looking through his home, but there was no tree in the corner, no Christmas bells or wreaths of holly, and no Christ to comfort, gladden, and save. He walked out on the public street, but there was no church with its spire pointing to heaven. He came back and sat down in his library, but every book about the Savior had disappeared.

A ring at the doorbell, and he was asked to visit a poor dying mother. He hastened with the weeping child and as he reached the home, he sat down and said, "I have something here that will comfort you." He opened his Bible to look for a familiar promise, but it ended at Malachi, and there was no gospel and no promise of hope and salvation, and he could only bow his head and weep with her in bitter despair.

Two days afterward he stood beside her coffin and conducted the funeral service, but there was no message of consolation, no word of a glorious resurrection, no open heaven, but only "dust to dust, ashes to ashes," and one long eternal farewell. He realized at length that "He had not come" and burst into tears and bitter weeping in his sorrowful dream.

Suddenly he woke with a start, and a great shout of joy and praise burst from his lips as he heard his choir singing in his church close by:

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the Kind of Angels,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

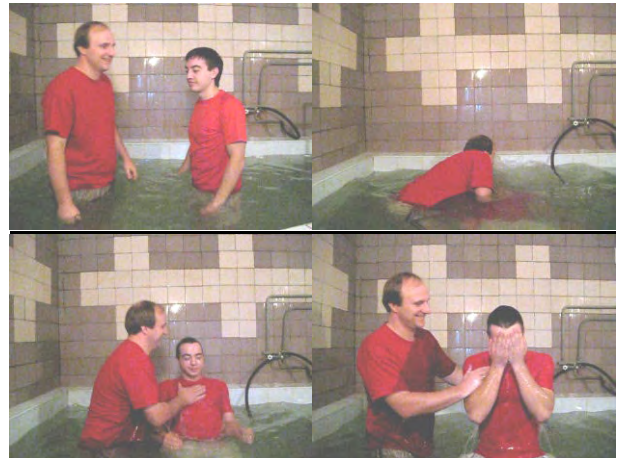
Let us rejoice today because "He has come". "Eternal life was manifested to us" (1John1:2) And let us remember the announcement of the angel, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord"

Luke 2 10-11

BECAUSE HE CAME.....

Luk 15:10 " ...there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

In CC1905 we are rejoicing over the salvation of Maxim Solopaev, the little brother of Jenya. He started to come to our church in February and has been regularly attending fellowship and helping in the church since then. After the baptism he testified before the church that he grew up among drunkards and drug addicts. He himself had avoided his brother's sins and instead was living a normal life and doing sports. So, he thought he didn't need God. But when he started to go to church and listen to Bible teaching he realized that he is a sinner in need of salvation. Praise God!



JUST MARRIED!!!**JENYA AND NASTIA SOLOPAEV**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2008



And the two shall become one...



MAX, RING BEARER AND NADIA, FLOWER GIRL.

**"MOSCOW TIMES"****VETERANS HOME**

This is a picture of some that attend our weekly study at the house of veterans. We were blessed to receive two wonderful ladies at the Thanksgiving celebration at our home. It's a blessing to continue to serve those who are so eager to receive. Please pray for them as they grow in the knowledge of Him.

THANKSGIVING

On Saturday the 29th we celebrated our annual Church Thanksgiving at our home. This year was extra special. There was greater unity and a real sense of His presence as we worshipped Him and all shared what they were thankful for in the last year. Many are going through and have gone through difficulties but we always have something to be thankful for in Jesus.

TRUST IN GOD

Trust also in him... (Psalm 37:5)

The word trust is the heart word of faith. It is the Old Testament word, the word given to the early and infant stage of faith. The word faith expresses more the act of the will, the word belief the act of the mind or intellect, but trust is the language of the heart. The other has reference more to a truth believed or a thing expected.

Trust implies more than this, it sees and feels, and leans upon a person, a great, true, living heart of love. So let us "trust also in him," through all the delays, in spite of all the difficulties, in the face of all the denials, notwithstanding all the seemings, even when we cannot understand the way, and know not the issue; still "trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass." The way will open, the right issue will come, the end will be peace, the cloud will be lifted, and the light of eternal noonday shall shine at last.

Trust and rest when all around thee
Puts thy faith to sorest test;
Let no fear or foe confound thee,
Wait for God and trust and rest.

Trust and rest with heart abiding,
Like a birdling in its nest,
Underneath His feathers hiding,
Fold thy wings and trust and rest.

Taken from Streams in the Desert
December 15

CURRENT NEEDS

While God has been faithfully sustaining us in the midst of these difficult financial times, we need to pay \$3,425.00 for the next semester of our children's schooling by January 16th. Please pray with us that God will meet our needs and continue to sustain us in our daily lives. But we are rejoicing in His promise: "For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things" (Mat. 6:32)



*** Pray that God will give us the power of His Spirit like He did in the book of Acts (4:29-31)**



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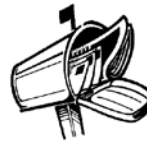
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