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A Plea for Pakistan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia now has an active mission in Pakistan with 174 members. The community is growing steadily and attracting the attention of enquirers and seekers in Pakistan. The faithful are worshipping out in the open or in whatever space is available. The mission is thus in need of a place to worship and land has been donated by a member of the community for a future church building. We hope to build a church and an orphanage in the city of Sargodha.

Our holy father St John of Kronstadt writes, "Look at all the the earth supplies us in summer and in autumn! Every Christian, especially the priests, ought to imitate God's bountifulness. Let your table be open to everybody, like the table of the Lord." This is a beautiful opportunity for Orthodox Christians worldwide to be able to assist in this noble cause. By God's grace, when built, this will be the first Russian Orthodox church in the Indian sub-continent and will serve as a fortress for Orthodox spirituality and guidance to worshippers and a protection to the many unfortunate children in Pakistan. Since the church will be built in Pakistan, the budget is quite low and affordable. Therefore we plead for your assistance for the mission.

Please contact the mission director, Fr. Adrian Augustus, at the Australian & New Zealand Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, PO Box 38, Croydon, NSW 2132, Australia or on his email rev.adrian.augustus@rocor.org.au for more information.

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