

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

Merry Christmas

During the Holy Season when we worship the Christ Child and are in awe of God becoming one of us, we remember you in our prayers and are so grateful for all you have done for us. We pray you had a most blessed Christmas and will have an exceptionally joyful New Year.

Sisters in Jesus the Lord



L-R Sister Maria Damiana, Sister Faustina Marie, Sister Gemma Maria, and Mother Julia Mary at OLL Nativity Crèche

New Year 2015



Dear Prayer Partner,

Merry Christmas from snowy Vladivostok, Russia!

We miss you and always love hearing updates from Mother Julia and our sisters.

This has been a very eventful year for us on the missions—moving into our first convent here in Russia, “Dom Marii” (House of Mary) located on Russian Island, just off the coast of Vladivostok.

Music concerts as a way to evangelize, summer camps—one for poor children and one for Catholic Young Adults, Rachel’s Vineyard retreats for healing after abortion, and weekly visits to the elderly at our nearby nursing home, are all a part of our life here. Sr. Faustina has been able to use her Montessori skills with the orphans, and we’ve been able to have catechesis with children in a town up North, Lesozavodsk.

This year we traveled twice to pilgrimage sites here in Vladivostok, where Catholics and other Christians were killed for their faith during the time of Stalin. We are very aware of all the people who were martyred and whose prayers are coming to fruition today, as the faith slowly comes back to life in Russia.

It was a joy to be sponsors for new catechumens this Easter! And each week, new people come to the parish and are interested in learning more.



Vladivostok Catholic Church and monastery at sunset

Please continue to keep us and our work in your prayers. You, your loved ones, your needs, and your intentions are in our hearts and our prayers.

We will remember you all in a special way at our daily Mass.

May the joy of Mary and Joseph with Jesus in the Holy Family be yours this New Year!

Affectionately yours in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Sister Maria Stella and Sister Catherine Marie
