

<p>Orthodox Action in Sydney and Melbourne</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in February</b></p>	<p>Orthodox Action works to help the poor and needy in Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union. This includes providing assistance to destitute children and orphanages.</p> <p>It is two separate organisations in Australia with one based in Sydney and the other in Melbourne.</p> <p>Examples of the work they do include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance to a shelter in Vyritsa - "Orthodox Children's Mission named after St. Seraphim Vyritsky."</li> <li>• Helping refugees from the Ukrainian war</li> <li>• Sending clothes and shoes to help children with autism, disabilities, large families and low-income families.</li> <li>• Assistance for the disabled for medical expenses.</li> <li>• Support for Christmas and small gifts for children in the Ivanoski Oblast.</li> </ul>
<p>Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent Triumph of Orthodoxy</b></p>	<p>Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary serves the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia by preparing students for service to the Church. It trains students in disciplines that are preparatory for active service to the Church as clergy, monastics, choir directors and cantors, iconographers, and lay leaders. It offers instruction in English to English-speaking Seminarians.</p> <p>This is an important centre and heart of our community outside of Russia and arranges the publication many materials including spiritual literature and books used in the liturgics of the church in the diaspora. This includes clergy books and liturgical calendars.</p> <p>It also maintains the historical heritage of the diaspora with its museum and maintains the graves of our departed hierarchs.</p>
<p>Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem</p> <p><b>On Palm Sunday – during the All-Night Vigil and the Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p>The main purpose of the establishment of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem was to take care of the pilgrimage of numerous Russian admirers of holy places and the official contact with the Jerusalem Patriarchate, acting on behalf of the Russian Church.</p> <p>The Mission is supported by permanent representatives of the Russian Church to perform divine services in this sacred place offering up prays for a long-suffering homeland.</p> <p>Financial assistance is required to support this important representation in the Holy Land.</p>

<p>Missionary Work</p> <p><b>Pentecost (Troitsa)</b></p>	<p>Financial Assistance is provided for ongoing missionary work within the diocese. In particular for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founding parishes, monasteries, missions and communities</li> <li>• Developing clergy</li> <li>• Developing spiritual education and other soul-profiting activities</li> <li>• Acquiring church property</li> <li>• Showing forth the Orthodox Christian faith to the unenlightened.</li> </ul> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of necessary liturgical supplies</li> <li>• Supply and printing educational materials</li> <li>• Programs, conferences and fellowship aim at evangelism</li> <li>• Training courses for clergy or laity on evangelism</li> </ul>
<p>Fund for Assistance</p> <p><b>During November</b></p>	<p>Provides financial support for needy people, clergy and parishes in the diaspora. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping clergy with their bills including family's medical bills, moving costs and burial costs</li> <li>• Helping those impacted by War. For Ukrainians – over \$300,00 was raised in part to support refugees and displaced persons both within the Ukraine and also those refugees in Germany.</li> <li>• Helping the church and clergy in Mexico, Pakistan, Bali and the Dominican republic. Including those families that are victims of persecution because of their faith.</li> <li>• Helping the orphaned in Bethany by providing support for a van and medical supplies</li> <li>• Helping build churches</li> <li>• Orthodox education by supporting lecture series, seminary and higher education and youth conferences</li> </ul>