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USSR CHURCH SCHOOLS BEGIN 1951 - 1952 ENROLLMENT

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

The councils of the Moscow and Leningrad ecclesiastical academies and seminaries have announced the beginning of enrollment for the 1951 - 1952 school year. The course of training at both academies and seminaries is 4 years.

Ecclesiastical Academies

The Moscow and Leningrad ecclesiastical academies accept persons 18-50 years of age, with completed secondary education, who can pass examinations in: the Old Testament, New Testament, Dogmatic Theology, Moral Theology, Fundamental Theology, Comparative Theology, Liturgy, Christian Church History, Russian Church History, Homiletics, History and Analysis of Schisms and Sectarianism, Practical Administration for Priests, USSR Constitution, Greek and Latin, and a modern language.

First category graduates (honor students) of ecclesiastical seminaries desiring to enroll in the academies must take oral examinations in the New Testament, Dogmatic Theology, and General Church History to 1054, must write a sermon, and take a written examination in Fundamental Theology. Second category graduates, to be eligible for enrollment, must first take re-examinations at their seminaries in those subjects in which they received unsatisfactory grades.

Ecclesiastical Seminaries.

The Moscow and Leningrad ecclesiastical seminaries accept persons 18-40 years of age, who have completed the seventh grade. Applicants are given examinations in their knowledge of the following prayers: (1) Opening Prayers: "Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee," "Heavenly King," "Holy God," "Blessed

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Trinity, "Our Father," "Come, Let us Worship"; (2) Morning Prayers: "From Sleep Awakened," "I Thee, O Master, Who Loves Mankind," "O God, Cleanse Me, a Sinner," "Guardian Angel"; (3) Evening Prayers: "Lord, Our God," "Eternal God," "All-Embracing, the Word of the Father," "Lord, Heavenly King, Comforter," "Guardian Angel"; (4) To the Mother of God: "Virgin Mother, Rejoice," "Worthy Art Thou," "Our Chosen Master"; plus the Prayer of St. Yefrem Sirin, the prayer prior to Holy Communion, the Credo, the Ten Commandments, the Commandments of Blessedness, songs of the 12 principal Orthodox Church holidays, songs to one's patron saint, and Psalms 50 and 90.

In addition, applicants are required to have a reading knowledge of Church Slavonic, and must be able to write Russian fluently.

Persons desiring to enter second-, third-, or fourth-year classes at the Moscow Seminary must have a tenth-grade education and must be able to pass all examinations required of graduates of the previous classes. At the Leningrad Seminary, persons are permitted to enter third-year classes if they have a tenth-grade education and are able to pass examinations in: Bible History of both Old and New Testaments; the Holy Scriptures of both Old and New Testaments; Catechism; Church Regulations; Ancient Christian Church History; Russian Church History; Church Slavonic; Russian; USSR Constitution; and Church Singing.

Application Procedure

Applicants for enrollment in both academies and seminaries must present the following documents: (1) application; (2) completed questionnaire, including name, date of birth, social status, education, family status -- bachelor, first or second marriage, whether divorced (underlined), number and ages of children or family dependents, draft status, police record, place of employment and duties, home address, date questionnaire was filled out, signature, and two photographs; (3) birth certificate; (4) record of education; (5) doctor's certificate on state of health; (6) record of family status; (7) autobiography; (8) a letter of recommendation from a parish priest or bishopric, or, if a graduate of a seminary, a letter of recommendation from the seminary council; (9) record of draft status. Applications must be sent before 15 August 1951 to the Moscow Ecclesiastical Academy and Seminary, Zagorsk, Moscow Oblast, Troitse Sergiyeva Monastery, or to the Leningrad Ecclesiastical Academy and Seminary, Leningrad, 167, Obvodnyy kanal, 17. Entrance examinations will be given from 14 to 21 August, with instruction beginning 1 September 1951.

All students enrolled will be provided with stipends. The Moscow Academy and Seminary both provide students with living quarters, while living quarters at the Leningrad Academy and Seminary are provided only for out-of-town students.(1)

Zhurnal Moskovskoy Patriarkhii, which is the official publication of the Moscow Patriarchate and represents the entire Russian Orthodox Church, did not mention enrollment in any of the other church schools, including the Volyn', Stavropol', Kiev, Saratov, Odessa, and Minsk ecclesiastical seminaries, all of which had been identified during the past year in that periodical.

General Information

During the 1949 - 1950 school year, the Moscow Ecclesiastical Academy and Seminary had a combined enrollment of 184 students. At the end of that school year, six students were graduated from the academy and 38 from the seminary.(2) Of the 38 seminary graduates, 14 applied for admission to the academy for the 1950 - 1951 school year, while the remainder were assigned to parishes.(3) At that time, the academy and the seminary had a combined staff of a rector, an

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inspector, six professors, four docents, and six instructors.(2) The Academy and Seminary have been without a rector since the death, in October 1950, of the Very Reverend A. P. Smirnov, who took over that post on 15 August 1949.(4)

The Leningrad Ecclesiastical Academy and Seminary, during the 1949 - 1950 school year, had a total of 172 students. Seven students were graduated from the academy and 14 from the seminary at the end of the 1949 - 1950 school year. The teaching staff then included a rector, an inspector, three professors, ten docents, and five instructors.(2) The present rector is Simeon, Bishop of Luga.(5)

The Volyn' Ecclesiastical Seminary, Orel Oblast, completed its fifth year of operation on 7 June 1950. The seminary graduated 16 students at the end of the 1949 - 1950 school year, according to its rector, N. Tuchemskiy.

The Stavropol' Ecclesiastical Seminary graduated its first 4-year class in June 1950. (No figures were given as to number of graduates.) The rector of the seminary is I. Bogdanovich.(6)

The Kiev Ecclesiastical Seminary also graduated its first 4-year class at the end of the 1949 - 1950 school year, but aside from a statement that none of its students had failed at the end of the school year, no figures were given as to the number of graduates.(7)

No statistical information is available on the Saratov, Odessa, and Minsk ecclesiastical seminaries, all identified in Zhurnal Moskovskoy Patriarkhii during the past year. It is known that the present rector of the Saratov Ecclesiastical Seminary is Ioann Sokal'.(3) The Very Reverend V. Kremlev is now the acting rector of the Odessa Ecclesiastical Seminary. Kremlev took over upon the death of the Very Reverend Ye. P. D yakonov, who died in April 1951.(4) The Minsk Ecclesiastical Seminary was organized in 1945.(5)

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