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(Captions to accompany numbered photos).

Here is a collection of pictures from two big South Russian cities--Rostov, the capital of the Don country, and Kharkov, one of the two great Ukrainian centers.

Both of these are big flourishing industrial centers and, as well, lie at the heart of rich agricultural regions. Both are typical Russian blends of the old and the new.

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1-- Very handsome Rostov theater, built before World War II, in modern architectural style. Building was badly damaged, as may be seen from photo, in one of Rostov battles and has not yet been fully repaired.

2-- Mosque in Rostov. If you look closely you can see the crescent insignia on the domes.

3-- Armenian Orthodox church in Rostov. Women on their way to early morning prayers.

4-- Russian Orthodox Church in Rostov. As is so often the case in old Russian towns this church which is still very active occupies one of most prominent sites in city, right on central square. Round device in center of photo is traffic sign.

5-- Picturesque view in front of Rostov cathedral. It looks more like an Italian scene than a Russian one.

6-- Bringing the washing up from the River at Rostov. Even more than preceding photograph this one has an Italian appearance, reflecting the touch of Mediterranean atmosphere which has found its way to Rostov, ~~via~~ via the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.

7-- One of the biggest, if not the biggest building in Kharkov. The State Bank headquarters on Dzerzhinsky Square. Its unusual modern style construction with the flying ramps connecting sections of the building across streets is unique in Russia.

8-- Another view of Dzerzhinsky Square. Kharkov boasts that this is the biggest square in Russia, even bigger than Red Square.

9-- Dzerzhinsky Square, Kharkov. Huge state buildings have been built or are being built on all sides of the Square.

10-- Kharkov, beautiful bell tower of the ~~Cathedral of the Annunciation~~ Uspensky cathedral with peasant heads in foreground.

11-- Kharkov, central park, view toward Cathedral of the Annunciation.

12-- Kharkov, same as previous.

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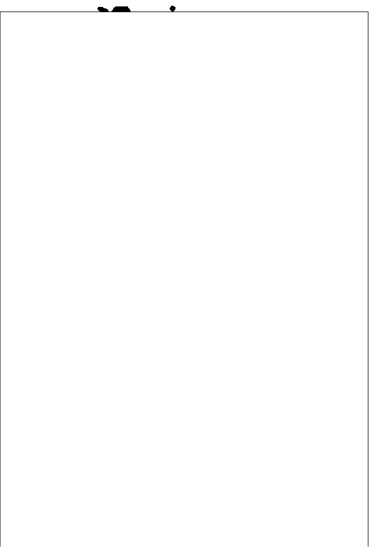


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