

Orthodox Mission in the Philippines

Since 2013, nearly 2000 people in the southern Philippines have been baptized into the Orthodox Church, comprising 28 Russian Orthodox parishes and missions.

The Church is growing despite threats from Muslim insurgency, Communist rebels, opposition from non-Orthodox sects, and a critical shortage of clergy. Filipino men are now attending seminary in Russia while lay leaders travel to remote areas to catechize inquirers.

After three years as the only Russian Orthodox priest in Mindanao, Father Silouan Thompson is visiting the US to share news and opportunities in the growing Orthodox Church in the Philippines. Since 2014 he has been translating scripture and services into languages of the Philippines, teaching communities and mentoring leaders, and raising support for the mission task.

Come hear him speak about the Orthodox mission and answer questions, on Sunday, May 7 at the Divine Liturgy and afterward at trapeza.

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