

# Is Russia Becoming a Christian Nation Again – Decide for Yourself

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## -- TIMELINE OF EVENTS INDICATING THE PROMISED "CONVERSION OF RUSSIA" --

**May 13 1982**

**Feast Day of**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

Pope John Paul II assailed by an assassin's bullet in St. Peter's Square

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/pope-john-paul-ii-shot-1981-article-1.2212919>

**March 25, 1984**

**Feast of the Annunciation**

In Fulfillment of Request by the Mother of God at Fatima, Pope John Paul II Consecrates World (including Russia) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to which Sister Lucia, the sole surviving seer responded: "it has been fulfilled."

<http://wafusa.org/the-consecration-of-russia/>

**May 13, 1984**

**Feast Day of**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

An explosion at the Soviets' Severomorsk Naval Base destroys two-thirds of all the missiles stockpiled for the Soviets' Northern Fleet. The blast also destroys workshops needed to maintain the missiles as well as hundreds of scientists and

technicians. Western military experts called it the worst naval disaster the Soviet Navy has suffered since WWII.

<http://www.nytimes.com/1984/07/11/world/soviet-naval-blast-called-crippling.html>

### **April 26, 1986**

Chernobyl nuclear reactor accident

### **May 12, 1988**

#### **Vigil of Our Lady of Fatima**

As thousands prayed the Rosary at Fatima, an explosion wrecked the only factory that made the rocket motors for the Soviets' deadly SS 24 long-range missiles, which carry ten nuclear bombs each.

<http://www.patriotheadquarters.com/russias-k-project-emp-threat/>

### **Nov 9, 1989**

Fall of Berlin Wall

### **Nov-Dec 1989**

Peaceful revolutions in Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria and Albania

### **Year of 1990**

East and West Germany are unified

Solidarity brings end of Communism in Poland – Walesa elected President -Catholic renewal begins

### **August 19, 1991: Queenship of Mary**

Hardline communists attempt to overthrow Gorbachev on the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her August appearance at Fatima. The attempt failed and Gorbachev whom Sr. Lucia said was instrumental in the fall of communism was kept in office and the hardliners out.

<http://www.unitypublishing.com/Apparitions/FatimaBook.html>

### **December 8, 1991**

## **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

The Communist Era vanished when the presidents of Russia, Ukraine, and Byelorussia announced its formal dissolution on Dec. 8, 1991, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

[http://www.apostoladomundialdefatima.org/html/consacration\\_imm\\_heart\\_of\\_mar.html](http://www.apostoladomundialdefatima.org/html/consacration_imm_heart_of_mar.html)

**Dec. 25, 1991**

## **Christmas Day**

Communist flag of USSR taken down for last time from atop the Kremlin. Mikhail Gorbachev formally resigned as President of USSR

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/big/1225.html>

**January 1, 1992**

## **Feast of the Mother of God**

Russia is reborn as a sovereign nation

[http://www.apostoladomundialdefatima.org/pdf/Consecration\\_Fatima\\_AL0\\_\\_corrected\\_.pdf](http://www.apostoladomundialdefatima.org/pdf/Consecration_Fatima_AL0__corrected_.pdf)

**May 13, 2000**

## **Our Lady of Fatima**

Pope Benedict, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, presented the official interpretation or theological commentary on the Third Secret of Fatima

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20000626\\_message-fatima\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20000626_message-fatima_en.html)

**August 28, 2004**

The icon of Our Lady of Kazan brought it to Moscow and handed it to Patriarch Alexy during a divine liturgy at the Moscow Kremlin Assumption Cathedral

The sacred Icon had been in the possession of the World Apostolate of Fatima who transferred it to Pope John Paul II

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=3036>

**May 13, 2005**

### **Our Lady of Fatima**

Pope Benedict dispenses with waiting period for beatification of Pope John Paul II. On the feast of *Our Lady of Fatima*. It was on this date that John Paul II was struck by an assassin's bullet in fulfillment of a Fatima prophecy. By John Paul II's assessment:

"It was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path", and permitted that "the dying Pope... stopped on the threshold of death".

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2014/04/24/papal-saints-once-a-given-now-extremely-rare/>

**May 25, 2005**

"The Russian Orthodox Church actively supports the development of interaction with the Catholic Church.

"We agree on a majority of the questions that the Christian world faces today. It is well known that both Churches are very concerned about the expulsion of religious values from the life of modern society and the need to preserve Christian ethical standards in it" Our cooperation is absolutely necessary. It is awaited by millions of people – believers and spiritual seekers alike".

Patriarch Kirill

<http://orthodoxeurope.org/page/14/95.aspx>

**October 7, 2005**

### **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

"The World Apostolate of Fatima has been established as a public association of the faithful for the universal Church. A public ceremony was held at the Vatican to celebrate the importance of this elevation". It is with great joy that we celebrate this moment of the consignment of the decree of establishment and approval of the Statutes of the World Apostolate of Fatima".

<http://wafusa.org/wp-content/pdf/WAF-DECREE.pdf>

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/world-apostolate-of-fatima-sees-status-upgraded>

**September 23, 2007**

The Christian Faith (Orthodoxy 101) to be Taught in the PUBLIC SCHOOLS of Russia

[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/09/23/world/europe/23russia.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/09/23/world/europe/23russia.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

**Feb. 13, 2008**

Pope Benedict XVI announced that he would dispense with the five-year waiting period established by Canon Law to open the cause of beatification of Sister Lucia, the third of three Fatima seers

[http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/beatification\\_process\\_for\\_sister\\_lucia\\_opened\\_new\\_writings\\_to\\_be\\_published/](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/beatification_process_for_sister_lucia_opened_new_writings_to_be_published/)

**July 31, 2008**

Russian Church compares current Christianity in Europe to the epoch of USSR militant atheism

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=5031>

**June 30, 2009**

Gambling Casinos to be Shut Down Throughout Russia

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2009/jun/29/russia-bans-gambling-casino-putin>

**February 5, 2010**

After being elevated to Patriarch of Moscow and all of Russia, Patriarch Kirill stated that,

“We (together with the Roman Catholic Church) have similar positions on many problems facing Christians in the modern world. They include aggressive secularization, globalization, and the erosion of the traditional moral principles. “It should be noted that on these issues Pope Benedict XVI has taken a stance close to the Orthodox one”

Patriarch Kirill

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=6889>

**May 14, 2010**

While presiding as pope over mass at the Fatima Shrine, he revealed his personal conviction that the Fatima message has relevancy to the development of the modern world, *"we would be mistaken to think that the prophetic mission of Fatima is complete"*.

He concluded by praying for the fulfillment of the Fatima message and the "Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary"

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/fatimas-prophetic-mission-not-complete-pope-declares-on-solemnity/>

**Summer 2010**

**Construction of 200 Orthodox churches in Moscow by the year 2020**

<https://calvertjournal.com/photography/show/3469/Church-building-Moscow-suburbs-program-200>

**Nov. 30, 2010**

Medvedev was present at the Church of Nativity of the Mother of God in the Grand Kremlin Palace to deliver a personal message to Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and all Russia:

"I would like to inform you that today I have signed a law on religious property return to religious organizations. It is a serious law that was long discussed and coordinated"

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=7969>

**Dec. 23, 2010**

Patriarch Kirill said A total of 23,000 Orthodox churches have been rebuilt in Russia in the past 20 years. "Nothing of the kind has happened in any country at any time in history; This has been happening against the backdrop of all social, political and economic confrontations.

[https://sputniknews.com/art\\_living/20101203161616486/](https://sputniknews.com/art_living/20101203161616486/)

**June 1 2010**

July 28 marked as a national holiday by president of Russia in commemoration of St Vladimir and the Baptism of the Rus (988) as a Christian nation and its Ancient Christian patrimony.

“The continual work of the Russian Orthodox Church will effect the revival of Christianity in our nation. Thanks to the Orthodox faith Russian culture through the years has acquired Biblical values on which the system of moral ideals for our nation is built”

“When we celebrated the millennial anniversary of the Baptism of Russia twenty years ago it was the beginning of churches being rebuilt and the restoration of the integrity of the Orthodox Church”

Demitri Medvedev

<https://xlerma.wordpress.com/tag/medvedev/>

**Jan. 14, 2008**

Russian President Vladimir Putin said the government is indebted to the Russian Orthodox Church and has promised to facilitate the revival of religion in Russia. “That the state will repay its debt to the Russian Orthodox Church and other traditional denominations and its debt to the Russian people”. “The Russian government is indebted to the Russian Orthodox Church” and he “promised to facilitate the revival of religion in Russia” and expressed his sincere hope to “repay” the debt”.

Vladimir Putin

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=4150>

“In January 2010 Putin announced that the Russian government would provide \$64 million (two billion rubles) to restore ROC (Russian Orthodox Church) holy sites, monasteries, and churches destroyed by the Soviet government”.

**January 7, 2008**

“The Russian Orthodox Church contributes to the promotion of

moral values in society. One should not completely draw a line between the culture and the church. Of course, by law in our country the church is separate from the state. But in the soul and the history of our people it's all together. It always has been and always will be".

Vladimir Putin

<https://books.google.com/books?id=kqt0CwAA0BAJ&pg=PT344&lpg=PT344&dq=%22But+in+the+soul+and+the+history+of+our+people+it%E2%80%99s+all+together.%22+Putin&source=bl&ots=J-UUulUqlu&sig=DlbhUNxcc4a1v5pafkWyS85M1ZM&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjCqNTkxd7PAhVDZCYKHR6uDbkQ6AEIKDAC#v=onepage&q=%22But%20in%20the%20soul%20and%20the%20history%20of%20our%20people%20it%E2%80%99s%20all%20together.%22%20Putin&f=false>

**Nov. 13, 2009**

Mass media review: "Christianity ended the cold war peacefully. *Religion brought down communism and it is religion which will help us resist naked capitalism, too*"

**October 7, 2010** "Patriarch Kirill emphasized the personal involvement and active support by Vladimir Putin who has facilitated "good relations of trust" between the Church and the government. The Patriarch expressed his appreciation for "full assistance rendered by the government to recover (the) cultural heritage of Orthodox Russia and its contribution in spiritual education and development of citizens.

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=7782>

**April 8, 2011**

Moscow Patriarchate: Russia's mission is to become the Holy Rus

**June 27, 2011**

Patriarch Kirill: European population will die if it fails to come back to its spiritual sources

**June 2011**



President Medvedev signs Pro-life Bill and The World Congress of Families held the world's first demographic summit – “Moscow Demographic Summit: Family and the Future of Humankind” – at the Russian State Social University (RSSU), June 29-30.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2011/07/15/russian-president-medvedev-signs-pro-life-bill-on-abortion-risks/>

<http://newcoldwar.org/the-political-church-alliance-to-end-abortion-in-russia/>

### **August 31, 2011**

Course of *Basics of Religion and Secular Ethics* is likely to be introduced in all Russian [schools](#) next year.

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=8691>

### **Nov. 7, 2011**

Medvedev calls rapid revival of Orthodox Christianity in Russia a miracle.

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/medvedev-calls-rapid-revival-of-orthodox-christianity-in-russia-a-miracle/>

Medvedev: Orthodoxy Russia's guardian of “indisputable truths”

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=8857>

Russian Orthodox Church will continue crafting “symphony” with state.

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=8860>

“Patriarch Kirill calls Russian Church revival unique event in world history”

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=8856>

### **Feb. 14, 2011**

Pope-Medvedev meeting will help protect moral values worldwide – Vatican

<https://newsessentials.wordpress.com/2011/02/15/pope-medvedev-meeting-will-help-protect-moral-values-worldwide-vatican/>

**Feb. 8, 2012**

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has instructed the Education and Science Ministry to organize the training of [school](#) teachers in the fundamentals of religious culture and secular ethics.

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=9048>

**April 17, 2012**

Pro-church, anti-gay rally held in central Moscow

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=9274>

**May 4, 2012**

Church calls on believers to unite for country's revival

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/church-calls-on-believers-to-unite-for-countrys-revival/>

**May 21, 2012**

The gay pride parade which was due to take place in Kiev on Sunday has been canceled over fears for the safety of its participants.

<https://www.kyivpost.com/article/content/ukraine-politics/gay-pride-parade-in-kyiv-cancelled-1-127943.html>

**May 23, 2012**

Moscow law banning homosexuality propaganda amongst minors.

<http://www.rferl.org/a/russia-homosexuality-law-duma-protest/25013537.html>

**May 28, 2012**

Moscow police detained about 40 people in Moscow on Sunday as LGBT activists attempted to hold unauthorized demonstrations.

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/27/world/europe/russia-rally-arrests/>

**October 1, 2012**

The approval rating of Patriarch Kirill is the highest in Russia (69%)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/the-approval-rating-of-patriarch-kirill-is-the-highest-in-russia/>

**February 8, 2012**

“That it would be one of the tasks of Russia’s foreign policy to defend Christians in other countries who are persecuted for their faith. *‘You needn’t have any doubt that that’s the way it will be,’* Putin said at a meeting with Russian religious leaders when Metropolitan Hilarion, foreign relations chief of the Russian Orthodox Church, expressed hope that Russia’s government would stand up for persecuted Christian communities abroad”.

Vladimir Putin

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=9050>

**January 25, 2013**

The Russian Duma passed the bill banning the propaganda of homosexuality among minors.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-gay-idUSBRE90000T20130125>

**February 1, 2013**

Medvedev wants stronger relations between state, church, society.

“I wish for the special relationship now established between the Russian Orthodox Church, the state, and the entire society to grow stronger and serve for the good of our Fatherland”

Dmitri Medvedev

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=10247>

**February 3, 2013**

“Clerics not just do their [job](#), they serve the Almighty, they serve the Lord, they serve people. It is impossible to intimidate them. Yet they obviously need our support and assistance. And this support and assistance must be efficient”

Vladimir Putin

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/print.php?act=news&id=10242>

**February 4, 2013**

“It is my deep conviction that we need to make every effort to boost collaboration between Church and State in key areas such as addressing urgent [social problems](#), promoting antireligious and interethnic dialogue, and imbuing young people with respect for the extremely rich historical, cultural and spiritual legacy of the peoples of Russia.”

Vladimir Putin

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=10251>

**Sept. 4 , 2013**

Pope Francis communicates to the G-20 though President Putin with a plea for peace n Syria.

[https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2013/documents/papa-francesco\\_20130904\\_putin-g20.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2013/documents/papa-francesco_20130904_putin-g20.html)

**By Nov. 2013**

*In the countries of the former Soviet Union, in particular in Russia, Ukraine, Belorussia and Moldavia, an unprecedented religious revival is underway. In the Russian Orthodox Church over the past 25 years there have been built or restored from ruins more than 25,000 churches. This means that a thousand churches a year have been opened, i.e., three churches a day.*

Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev, October 30

<http://insidethevatican.com/news/newsflash/russians-coming>

**November 25, 2013**

Abortion Adds Banned Throughout Russia

<http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/25/putin-signs-law-banning-abortion-ads-as-it-decimates-russias-population/>

**February 7, 2015**

1. The Ministry of Health in Russia has signed an agreement with the Russian Orthodox Church that includes prevention of abortion and provision of palliative care. The agreement signed by Health Minister Veronika Skvortsova and Patriarch Kirill, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church was published

on the website of the [Synodal Department for ROC](#) [Russian Orthodox Church] Church Charity and Social Service. Article 9 of the 21 article agreement establishes cooperation “on the protection of maternal and child health, including reproductive health, promotion of family values and prevention of abortion.”

The agreement includes joint actions with medical institutions for the

*“creation of crisis pregnancy centers at hospitals with the participation of psychologists and participation of representatives of religious organizations of the Russian Orthodox Church in advising women who are planning to terminate the pregnancy, in medical institutions”*

and for the provision of space for

*“posting information of religious organizations of the Russian Orthodox Church on the stands in medical institutions.”*

Additionally, the two parties will also undertake

*“joint efforts to provide assistance and support to pregnant women whose prenatal diagnosis indicate to the malformation of the fetus, as well as mothers who give birth to a child with developmental disabilities.”*

Under Article 5, the Orthodox Church will cooperate with the Health Ministry in the preparation of health professionals by providing formative instruction on the spiritual foundations of medical activities and by facilitating the interaction of medical organizations with organizations of the Russian Orthodox Church.

2. The Russian State Duma is considering legislation on abortion that includes limiting funding for abortion to only those that are considered medically necessary. The bill is designed to help reduce the number of Russian children

destroyed through the violence of abortion.

The legislation would ban private abortion clinics and over-the-counter sale of abortion inducing medication would only be available through a doctor's prescription. Women considering abortion would be given ultrasounds.

In response to the proposed legislation, the **Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe** tabled [introduced] Written Declaration 594 which states:

We the undersigned members of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly are strongly concerned about the three draft laws submitted to the State Duma of the Russian Federation aiming to severely restrict access of women to abortion. They aim:

1. to require women to visualise and listen to the heartbeats of the foetus before being given permission to access a legal abortion;
2. exclude coverage of abortion from the Obligatory Medical Insurance;
3. to prohibit the sale of safe medication that terminate pregnancies.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has clearly stated that "ultrasound scanning is not routinely required for abortion". It only serves to emotionally manipulate women. Excluding insurance coverage for a service that only women need is discriminatory and will affect poor, rural women and women in vulnerable situations. The State medical system must additionally ensure the availability of various methods of abortion suitable at different stages of pregnancy. These proposed measures will lead to backstreet abortions and increase maternal mortality and morbidity rates and are an affront to women's rights.

PNCI (Russian Duma) notes that the Members of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly in their rush to object to the pro-life provisions with worn-out pro-abortion arguments are forgetting that the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action states in section 8.2 "Any measures or changes related to abortion within the health system can only be determined at the national or local level according to the national legislative process."

<http://www.patriarchia.ru/db/text/4124569.html> (translate into English)

### **Dec.18, 2015**

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has declared that it has found no military use of Iran's nuclear technology; so far, those who claimed that Tehran was developing nuclear weapons have been blatantly lying, US columnist Jim W. Dean notes. The Iranian nuclear threat hoax has been nothing less than a large-scale coordinated propaganda campaign, which brought together experts, prominent media figures and intelligence agencies, US columnist and managing editor of Veterans Today Jim W. Dean notes.

### **Feb. 13, 2016**

Patriarch Kirill and Pope Francis met in Havana, Cuba for a historic meeting between the two churches, pledging to come together for the future of Christianity. "We spoke as brothers, we have the same baptism, we are bishops, we spoke of our churches,"

At the conclusion of their meeting, the two religious leaders signed a joint declaration which stated "We are not competitors but brothers, and this concept must guide our mutual actions as well as those directed to the outside world."

The document also addressed the problems of capitalism. "consumerism, the growing inequality in the distribution

of material goods increases the feeling of the injustice of the international order that has emerged.”

Both leaders expressed their concern over the decreasing significance of the traditional family, and stated their positions on euthanasia and abortion.

The document reads. “In affirming the foremost value of religious freedom, we give thanks to God for the current unprecedented renewal of the Christian faith in Russia, as well as in many other countries of Eastern Europe, formerly dominated for decades by atheist regimes. Today, the chains of militant atheism have been broken and in many places Christians can now freely confess their faith.”

With the Syrian conflict threatening to push the world to the brink of war, the document calls on all Christians to pray for peace. “We exhort all Christians and all believers of God to pray fervently to the providential Creator of the world to protect His creation from destruction and not permit a new world war.”

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/02/12/joint\\_declaration\\_of\\_pope\\_francis\\_and\\_patriarch\\_kirill/1208117](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/02/12/joint_declaration_of_pope_francis_and_patriarch_kirill/1208117)

### **Feb. 18, 2016**

In an attempt to defend Christians in the Middle East and other parts of the world where they’re being persecuted, “It’s important to join efforts [with Russia] to save Christianity in all regions [of the world] where it’s oppressed,” according to [Russian Metropolitan Hilarion](#).

### **February 2017**

Russia identified as [Global Leader of the Religious Right](#)

### **November 13, 2017**

Today, [Patriarch Kirill reported, the Russian Church is making huge progress in area of social work and charity; to date it](#)



[has:](#)

- 4,000 church social institutions, projects and initiatives
- 400 sisterhoods of charity
- 52 shelters for pregnant women and mothers with children
- more than 100 centers for humanitarian assistance,
- more than 400 projects for disabled people
- 95 shelters for homeless people
- 500 Orthodox organizations that help drug and alcohol addicts and their relatives