



Kosyanchuk 1st Quarter Report 2019

January

This winter, by the Lord's mercy, in our country we have celebrated two Christmases. The first one was on December 25, and that was a government holiday. The second one was January 7, according to the traditional calendar, and that also was an official day off. Praise God, for this holiday, too, we invited people to a service. For that service we had a choir, but they were from the city of Boyarka, because on the first Christmas we had a choir from the Kyiv church.



Through our invitations, and through the participation of the church choir, and most importantly by God's will, we had people come to this service who are unbelievers, people who had never before attended and who had always steered clear of the church when they walked past. We also had unbelieving visitors who are relatives of our church members. After the service, they thanked us for the wonderful holiday we had given them, to use their words.

We sincerely thank God for giving us such joyful services in which we could testify of Jesus Christ and His reason for coming to earth. Therefore, different people receive this holiday in different ways in our country, although Ukraine is considered to be a Christian country. But for some reason this holiday has become a "holiday for the stomach." Food, drink, and traditional rites have blocked out Jesus Christ, and He is left outside in the yards of our homes in this country, and that is the sad reality.

We thank God for His mercy to us all. We also thank you for your care, support, and prayers. Now we are praying, and we request your support, that in springtime our choir will take part in services. Because right now they are not involved, since our choir director is in the final days of pregnancy and not able to participate.

We once again thank you. May our Lord bless you all with His heavenly blessings.
Amen.

February

Praise God for teaching us through various lessons in our lives. He is longsuffering and gently corrects us on life's pathway.

There's a sister who had been put out of the church. In defiance of her parents and the congregation, she married an unbeliever. She returned to the world once again, although she believed that she could turn this man to the Lord. More than ten years passed, and she then began to attend services again. She repented and confessed her sin, but the membership of the church did not reinstate her, because she wanted to divorce her husband.

A year passed. She regularly visited services. She prayed, and her decision changed. They have not lived together as husband and wife for several years, but the husband doesn't want to divorce. This was her initiative: to divorce and then once again become a member of the church and to serve the Lord.

And now, by the Lord's mercy, she understood her unfaithful decision. The Lord showed her, and now she has totally different plans: to become a member of the church, to serve the Lord, and to become a wall for her husband. However, this is a difficult assignment since her husband is the brother of the Orthodox priest in the village, and he tells her to flee from "this cult." But praise God that she has committed herself to this matter and believes that the Lord will give her strength.

We also pray that the Lord will help us all in the resolution of this matter. We sincerely thank you for your prayers, for the brotherly support and help. May the Lord reward you a hundredfold.

Amen.

March

For five years now, with God's help, we have had a Friday night teen fellowship. It began with the desire not to lose those teens who had been going to the oldest Sunday school class. After growing up, such young people often went off in pursuit of this world's vanities. Less and less they came to Sunday school and eventually simply stopped attending church. We greatly desired to have close fellowship with these young people, to show them the relevance and practicality of God's Word in our days. And most importantly, to draw them into living faith in God.

The group began with one teen. In order to make her feel more comfortable, at first the youth would go to see her. However, later other new teens began connecting: kids from the Sunday school started coming, and they would bring unsaved friends with them. Over these five years, the composition and number in the group has changed many times; however, by God's mercy there was never a time when they totally stopped meeting. Right now an average of 5 to 7 people attend. Possibly, to someone hearing this from outside, it might seem insignificant. However, it's important that these youth are not coming simply "for company," but with an obvious personal desire to have such Christian fellowship. In the group we drink tea together, we discuss the events that have happened that week in the young people's lives, we play games, we sing Christian songs, we reason with them from the Word of God concerning matters that are relevant to them, and we also pray for their needs. Periodically we watch Christian films, and this way we organize a Christian theater for them, and thus reaffirm lessons that they have already heard from the Bible. Out of the group, with God's help they participate in singing during worship services, and also at various children's and adult activities of our church.

We pray that the Lord will lead those who participate in this group, but who still have not accepted Him as personal Savior, to do that. And we pray that, through this group, in the future He will lead many more teens from Bilogorodka to get acquainted with God, and with His living Word, and will receive eternal life.

We thank you for your support and prayers!

Amen.