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**Ульяновская Епархия**

Objectives: the acquaintance with the history of Ulyanovsk diocese, its spiritual work; to expand the outlook of students, to develop their interests, memory and thinking activity.

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**Introduction**

This theme I choose not casually. I think that the topic of religion will be relevant. A. P. Chekhov wrote "the Man must pray the God, or seek the faith, otherwise he is an empty person." We should know not only the history of the city, its attractions, but also the spiritual life of Ulyanovsk. This theme expands the view of the world of the man, teaches him to see the beauty.

 «Beauty will save the world», said F. Dostoyevsky, a famous Russian writer. Temples were and remain one of the symbols of beauty. Their destiny has been inseparably linked with Ulyanovsk’s fate. Temples played the main part in the formation of the city’s artistic appearance. Their spires and domes, rising into the sky, remained the only height dominants for two centuries. And now they give a peculiar charm to Ulyanovsk. It is a temple that occupies a special place in the life of Ulyanovsk, as well as of all the Russians. We pray Our Lord to forgive the sins. We come into a temple to pleed the God of the assistance to rebuff any bad movement in the soul and to carry out an important deed. Thanks to a temple and a divine service in it people comprehend the essence of the Holy History events, the sense and character of the evangelic precepts. Chrisian holidays play a most responsible part in the life of Ulyanovsk. The most eminent is Easter, the Day of the Resurrection of Christ, the holiday of the holidays. The Nativity of Christ, the Baptism of Our Lord and the others of the twelve great Russian Orthodox holidays are solemnly celebrated. Thousands of people gather at temples for services to take part in Easter night processions organized along the city streets.

**The Ulyanovsk diocese**

The Ulyanovsk diocese was revived in September 14, 1989. The Archbishop Prokl(Nikolai Vasilyevich Hazov 1943-2014) was appointed the Archbishop of Ulyanovsk and Melekess, who ruled for 25 years (1989-2014). The spiritual life of Simbirsk started to revive with the help of the prayerful works of the Archbishop Prokl and his associates. Today the Ulyanovsk diocese has more than 120 temples, Archangelo-Michailovskiy (woman) Monastery in Komarovka was opened in 1994. One of the oldest temples Voskresensko-Germanovskiy Cathedral was restored.

The construction of Spaso-Voznesenskiy Cathedral is recreated on the new place (Ulyanovskaya Street 2b)

Simbirsk is famous for a such sainter as the Holly blessed Andrey. The uncovering of the relics and the worship of the Holly blessed Andrey was held in 1998. This Simbirsk Sainter’s relics are in the Temple of all the Sainters. Thus Simbirsk has it’s own saint patron.

One of the aincient, saint creations St Nikolskaya mountain was also revived. The phenomenon of the Saint Nikolai the Wonderworker was in 1552 near the village Surskoe (Promzino) on the so-called White Mountain.This Mountain was named Nikolskaya. In 1994 a new chapel was established there in honour of this Sainter.

Today one can see more and more new temples of Simbirsk diocese. The orthodox population of Ulyanovsk region has all the possibilities to pray freely and build their life according to the evangelical precepts.

The Archbishop Feofan (Ashurkov Ivan Andreevich) was appointed the Archbishop of Simbirskiy and Novospasskiy on the 30th of May,2014 after the death of the Archbishop Prokl

**The Youth Department of the Ulyanovsk** **diocese**

The Department works with various youth organizations of Ulyanovsk and Ulyanovsk region. The organization created the Orthodox youth club by blessed Saint Andrey Simbirskiy. The work of the Department with the Orthodox youth is sent for the approval of the young people. At these meetings young men and women discuss various issues of modern life. The youth club organizes regular training courses for young people. The members of the youth club regularly participate in the church services, help the elderly and the needy. Much attention is paid to sports events. It allows to expand the sphere of influence of the Orthodox youth and to give the young people the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Orthodox way of life.
There are the annual gatherings of the Orthodox youth in Ulyanovsk region. In the gatherings young people have the opportunity to communicate and share experiences. The participants are young people who are still undecided in life. The participation in such events helps them to make the right choice of life.
The Head of the Department is the priest of Spaso-Voznesensky Cathedral Maxim Barchan.

**The Department of the social service and charity of the Ulyanovsk diocese**

The Department of the social service and charity was created in Arsk. The members of it develop various social projects, which are implemented on the territory of Ulyanovsk region.
Among the most important social projects the following:
•regular charity dinners for the socially unprotected people;
• charity organization of the summer Orthodox camps for school children and orphans;
• medical and spiritual help to people who find themselves in difficult life situations;
•regular work with children from orphanages and boarding schools of the city and the region, providing the necessary assistance to the institutes and their pupils;
•regular work with disabled persons
• regular work with families with many children;
•organization the children's Orthodox festivals and various competitions, involving a wide range of participants. • cooperation with educational institutes of Ulyanovsk region in the issues of spiritual and moral and Patriotic education of students.
The Head of the Department of social service and charity is the Archpriest Alexis Karmishin.

 **The Church of the Descent of the Holy spirit on the Apostles**

The history of this temple,(on the banks of the river Sviyaga), is linked with the name of the famous Simbirsk educator of the Chuvash people I. Yakovlev.In the late 60-ies of the XIX century in Simbirsk province were 305 Chuvash villages with more than 100 thousand inhabitants and there were no a single school in Chuvash language there.

The first such school was opened by the personal funds of I. Yakovlev and housed in his private apartments. In the future, the school was purchased on the stone building. In September 1877, there were the female department of the school, bedrooms,the kitchen,the dining room,the bakery and teacher's apartment there . On the petition of I. I. Yakovlev and the Orthodox Missionary Society the Ministry of National Education the school workshops were rebuilt in 1884 under the house Church, and in January 20, 1885, the Church was consecrated under the name of the Descent of the Holy spirit on the Apostles.

Later in 1897-1898, the building was rebuilt with the help of the Simbirsk merchant N. Ya Shatrova.

Now the Church of the Descent of the Holy spirit ("Chuvash Church") has unique traditions. The Church services are held in Chuvash language. There is a tradition to treat people.

**Conclusion**

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