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Books of the Holy Scriptures to be handed out free of charge to military personnel, hospital patients and prisoners

On 27 January 2012, the Publishing House of the Moscow Patriarchate and the St. Gregory the Theologian Charity Foundation signed an agreement. According to this agreement, Russian prisons, hospitals, educational institutions, and hotels will receive the New Covenant and the Book of Psalms free of charge.

The document was signed by archpriest Vladimir Silovyev, editor-in-chief of the Publishing House of the Moscow Patriarchate, and Leonid Sevastyanov, executive director of the St. Gregory the Theologian Charity Foundation.

Books of the Bible will be distributed free of charge at hotels, hospitals, penitentiaries, in the army, and in other institutions in Russia. Officers of defense and law enforcement agencies and medical staff will receive certain number of copies. People will be able to read the Holy Scriptures on trains and on planes. The Holy Scriptures will be also available at nursing homes and sanatoria.

Within the framework of the project a number of conferences, scholar seminars and exhibitions will be held, financed by the St. Gregory the Theologian Charity Foundation.

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