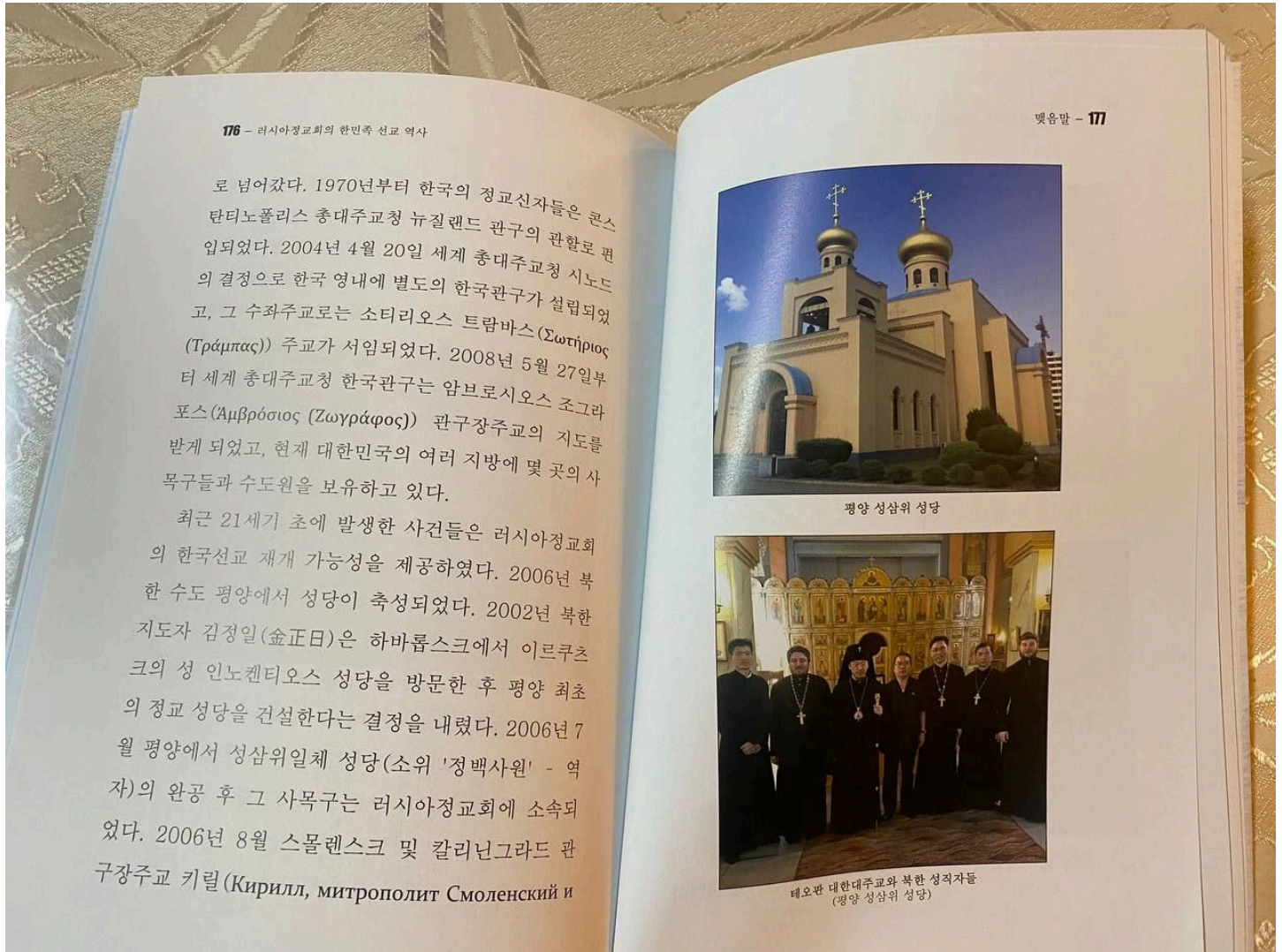




## The book "Missionary Activity of the Russian Orthodox Church among the Koreans" is published in Korean



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The Orthodox Book Publishing House of the Korean Diocese has published a book in Korean entitled "Missionary Activity of the Russian Orthodox Church among the Koreans," which looks at the history of the Russian Spiritual Mission in Korea in the first half of the 20th century.

The author of the book is Archbishop Theophan of Korea. The book recounts the complex peripetias in the work of the Spiritual Mission in Korea, which from the very beginning of its existence faced many difficulties related to the changing political situation both in Russia and in Korea. The tragic events in the history of both countries, such as the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905, the annexation of Korea by

Japan in 1910, the Russian revolution in 1917, and the division of Korea at the end of World War II into North and South Korea and the subsequent civil war on the Korean peninsula in 1950-1953, all influenced the life of the Korean spiritual mission and led to its eventual withdrawal.

The main content of the book is a description of the activities of the Russian Spiritual Mission in Korea. The second part of the book contains an article by Bishop Innocent of Ussuri on the history of the spread of Orthodoxy among the Koreans of the Ussuri region beginning in the middle of the 19th century.

Both parts of the book show that Orthodoxy is not a religion alien to Korean consciousness, but a faith with which Koreans have been familiar for a very long time.

The author hopes that this work will benefit readers interested in the history of missionary work and Russian-Korean relations, and thanks the Foundation for the Support of Christian Culture and Heritage, which made its publication possible.

The edition of 350 copies is distributed through online bookstores in the Republic of Korea.

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