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### **ABOUT FR. DANIEL'S IMPACT**

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Prior to the meeting with his father Daniel Sysoev I heard the romantic story of his marriage to the mother of Julia. As a seminarian twenty-one years old he decided to steal from under house arrest favorite girl daughter of a businessman and married her not afraid of threats from relatives of the bride. And within five minutes of contact with my father Daniel I have no doubt that yes this man could not do that. My father was. He's fearless.

Threats were distributed to the father of Daniel constantly as extremist cut off the head the guts out and in a more intelligent form declare insane radical excommunicated from decent society. But my father had a remarkable quality to speak the truth without fear those who kill the body as well as killer reputation.

Today many recall his criticism of Islam nationalism and the communist ideology of Soviet patriotism and Stalin. But there was one topic that father Daniel spoke with all honesty it is a family and marriage. I remember in one of the company were talking about a young man who wants to marry a virgin certainly. Above him unanimously laughed and said that today his desire is not feasible and even if he meets a virgin it will be a girl with cockroaches in my head which had never happened. In response to Daniel's father said sternly I do not see anything funny. . We are with her mother Julia married virgins her life has never been another man and in my another woman. And jokers shyly lowered his eyes. Then one of those present admitted Well my wife and I in general is also married virgins another agreed with him Yes that is right. Desire to laugh at someone's purity suddenly disappeared.

. At the same time Father Daniel was not a soulless moralist. Dozens if not hundreds of happy Orthodox families have developed with the direct participation. He never tired of familiar people helping them to become friends reconciled quarreling. And although there was a strong proponent of a sound mind but in his lectures and articles are constantly reminded that the Orthodox Union the family must be loving people and not automatically brought to life Typicon.. Because of this ability to combine piety with humanity of his article provoked a torrent of criticism as the left and right.

They say that nobody is irreplaceable but his father Daniel was clearly one of them.!» . Previously when someone from non-church friends expressed a desire to resolve their doubts in matters of faith baptism confession communion but just to talk to a living priest a verdict is issued unequivocal This is to Sysoyev! Now we have to look for another solution This finding would be for the priest. . Of course to find a priest in Moscow where more than a thousand priests no problem but the fact of the matter is that Father Daniel never had to look for. He was

always close to those who are in need of a priest. Its distinguishing feature was the mobility the willingness to be everywhere from the nearby high school to the church to the far Kyrgyzstan. Even two years ago when Father Daniel broke his leg it's not made him change the usual schedule. All scheduled meetings were held although the priest and brought back in a cast and on crutches.

Father Daniel said that missed Sunday mass a few times in life when he was seriously ill and he remembers each of these cases from the age of three. He once said during a vigil on Saturday night I do not understand why the houses are lit windows.. Now everything should be in churches and in homes it is empty.

O Lord my father referred to as the closest the family man and the Saints as their close friends. I once joked failed the righteous Noah and the ark and the father of Daniel immediately strictly said to this When you meet after the death of our Holy ancestor Noah you can repeat it in the face of what you just said And in his sounded reality upcoming meeting.

At the wedding father Daniel gave us a peck of salt with her husband sixteen packs of pounds with the desire to eat together this pud. Since then we remember him whenever salt home food. Probably remember it without tears I can not soon even if presented to the salt over.

Ekaterina Stepanova a correspondent for Neskuchnyi Garden

Until now I was sure that the martyrs are only in the books and they are not here in real life especially so close. Everyone knows that time is different and Christian feat a concept of the past. Modern urban people are born weak and frail so it is difficult even to go to church it's hard to pray to God there are no forces on the mercy and no time to study the Bible.

. But the death of his father Daniel has put everything in its place Christianity is the same as it was two thousand years ago. Our relaxation time does not mean compromise does not negate the Christian heroism self-sacrifice and even martyrdom. Write off their sloth on features of modern life unfortunately will not succeed.

My first encounter with his father Daniel was just in a conversation about modern confessors the Macedonian Christians who were terrible persecutions. Father Daniel was interested in church-tent for them. This temple can be quickly put in any place to serve the liturgy and reassembled without fear that opponents will have time to react and to raze it to the ground. » We published the announcement of raising funds in the journal Neskuchniy Garden after a while the tent was bought by his father Daniel he took her to a war zone.

Father Daniel invited me to a Bible school to study the Scriptures.. But unfortunately I came only a year and a half and then the editorial office to write a report on street courses missionaries operating in the temple ap.Fomy. Meetings lectures were held right in the church as in other areas were not. Missionaries studied the history of religions Sect Studies the Bible. Father Daniel explains how to build a conversation with people of different faiths which to argue how to ask questions. He used to say quickly slowly and swallowing ending. Witty and subtle jokes without

changing facial expressions so that was not immediately obvious joke or it seriously.

The missionary Fr Daniel treated as a combat squad Church which was weapons of knowledge of the Word of God. After class missionaries long tea and continued to listen to the tireless priest. Apart and happened after midnight.

Around the temple is always boiled missionary activity. For example on holiday Epiphany when many people only once a year come to the temple for the holy water the men of Father Daniel treated everyone on the waiting list. Without fail everyone who wanted to dial into the bottle agiasmy issued a memo why you need to go to church and told of the sacraments and called to come to the meeting for newly and confession.

Besides the usual services in the church Fr Daniel often served prayers for different needs. Once when we were flying with a group of missionaries to Kyrgyzstan Father Daniel offered to pray together before boarding the plane. He gathered us in the airport terminal where passengers bought liquor and spirits and began to serve as a public prayer. Missionaries such as fearless as he sir not at all embarrassed singing to him were baptized and praying. The sight was so unusual that the passengers of the other flights looking up from their newspapers and laptops looked at us with wide eyes. I did not know what to do with himself I was ashamed of Father Daniel missionaries and all of their Christianity standing next to a man who was killed for Christ now.

Father Daniel was very easy to talk to. He was always available by phone and almost all day was at the temple. He could easily ask any questions even the most complex and tricky he immediately found a brilliant answer supported by quotations from the Holy Scriptures a very valuable asset for the missionary.

I remember my father Daniel was the Bible with commentary pocket-sized Bible Society published. The book was very worn blue with a fish on the cover (he said it was a weapon missionary and before the reading of Scripture has always called to pray to God.) The father Daniel knew the Bible by heart what led to the astonishment of the sectarians who were even afraid to join with him in the debate. The most frightening for pastors had become untenable in a conversation about the Bible with an Orthodox priest especially in the face of his parishioners. So they hid from his father Daniel. Several times during our mission trip to Kyrgyzstan sectarians even changed the time and place of its regular meetings so we were not able to come back to them.

There in Kyrgyzstan we had to go to a mountainous Muslim village known for his radical sentiments. We had a secret mission to baptize a dying woman it was her own desire. Before departure Father Daniel cheerfully admonished us Do not worry at all if you're out there I'll kill pohodataystvuyu to have glorified as martyrs. ! Your photos I have so write icons!!» Do not be afraid!

During visits to interview Father Daniel and the Orthodox Christians the local parish churches. ! He spoke of love says the proximity of God the kingdom of heaven called to hurry and rather flee to the sky! He was serious and calm but his eyes sparkled with joy. These conversations made me

a no less impressive than the meeting with sect.No doubt the father of Daniel was a gift from God he was able to speak and persuade.The audience left the hall by other people I got myself an enthusiastic and determined to change his life.True make this determination I have not failed.Maybe that's why I'm still alive

On the death of his father Daniel said a lot and always happy.He could not wish for no better fate than to martyrdom for Christ even more so in the temple during the execution of the sacraments but served God with a cross and the gospel in their hands! ». The last book of Daniel's father Instructions for the immortal or what to do if you are still dead.Do not be surprised if he looks at it all now from the sky where he was in a hurry and smiles as cleverly worked out!

One of my girlfriends have a friend of the Orthodox Seventh-day Adventist it is more than 15 years in the sect. About God among themselves they do not say not to swear and it makes no sense all the same each with its remains.When was the news on TV about his father Daniel they just sat together. And my friend the first time in many years could not resist and made all he thinks about this monstrous audacious murder of three monks in Optina the priest who was a few years ago was burned together with his family. Adventist used to be very reactive to all Orthodox silent all evening.- And the next day he called and asked to read something about Orthodoxy.

Father Daniel is already in action in a new way!

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## FATHER DANIEL CALLS FOR EVANGELIZING MUSLIMS

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Father Daniel Sysoev

Rector of the Moscow church at St. Thomas Kantemirovskaya priest Daniil Sysoev in response filed against him in a prosecution statement Muslim journalist Khalid Khamidullina intends to strengthen the missionary work among the followers of Islam according to Interfax.

Generally I think the lawsuit another attempt to put the Russian Orthodox Church to its knees in the face of militant Islam. And the answer to this can only be increased missionary work among the poor Muslims who need to be saved as much as all the other misguided he said on Monday reporters.

The priest invited the Orthodox faithful in the second week of Lent March 16 to enroll in a second set of mission Sunday school at his church saying that we will win by force and screaming and the word of the living God.

As previously reported in his lawsuit H.Hamidullina says Father Daniel books articles and public statements about Islam is breaking the law On Countering Extremism and should be held criminally responsible.

In this connection the priest said that in the next time he faces with aggressive ignorance apologists of Islam which having failed to win any dispute on the merits appeal to the policeman.

Speaking of the aforementioned journalist the father of Daniel complained that he never had to read the writings of Hamidullin discuss murders and terror organized by her co-religionists. But in a series of articles we see that the action of the Orthodox Church are evaluated by saying that otherwise as an insult can not be named said the priest.

In particular he said the consecration of the hospital in Tatarstan is described as if it is about the organization of the landfill in the maternity ward.

### INTERVIEW WITH THE MARTYR'S WIDOW JULIA

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19 20In the night from 19 to 20 November we shook terrible tragedy. in the Moscow Cathedral of the priest was killed. Many Orthodox Christians knew Father Daniel Sysoev he was active he published the book spoke publicly to preach he built a temple in a vacuum. through the missionary case it led to Orthodoxy many people.but even those who were not familiar with him through his martyrdom felt a special closeness that spiritual kinship which unites us in Christ.

. Goodbye.taday.ru Photo by Yulia Makoveychuk today.ru

. Mother Julia had with her father Daniel is not just related they are one flesh.That she knew Father Daniel like no other. We asked her to tell him about his father Daniel his life and work.

Mother Julia we mourn with you and offer my condolences to your family.. Of course the father of Daniel his death itself courted martyrdom.

I'm sorry to ask you this question now.In the news is very uneven. 19 I ask you to tell me what happened on November 19 in the church of St. Thomas was killed when his father Daniel.

Yes the media are often different paraphrases information and then she completely cluttered with rumors.. Of course I was asked for the investigation does not tell all the details how it happened he fell which fell who had seen.It is known that in the evening in the church broke man in medical mask shouting Where Sysoev Left our first regent he was in a cassock and the killer shot him.. Fortunately the wound was not fatal it is now recovering. After that the killer ran to the

altar. Fr Daniel went into his stole and then he shot him. Was shot in the neck. Father Daniel fell to the floor face. The second shot was in the back.. It all happened instantly. No one imagined that this could happen in this day. Although our family had a lot of signs that something is going to happen. And in the last two weeks I went after him almost on the heels met up call. I would always be with him. In addition in the last time I had such a burden on the soul as if the clouds above me going. So weighed everything so it was hard. ... And that his last day I was driving and I thought Death is breathing in the back..

Tell us about your family how you met the father of Daniel.

With his father Daniel we have lived together for almost fifteen years. We have three children the eldest Justina fourteen Dorofea in February nine will be and Angelina two years.

In our family it was always with some kind of adventure and we were married with adventures. 1995. We met with the father of Daniel in 1995 he then studied at the fourth grade of the Moscow Seminary.. But my parents were totally against this marriage because they were very far from the church and church life. Not as they prepared for the fate of his daughter. Head's father was adamant and serious so I had to run away from home and secretly married with her fiance.. After the wedding we rented an apartment in Sergiev Posad because her husband had half a year to study at the seminary.

He had already chosen the path of the priesthood

He always strove for the priesthood so much so that I think that's me in it especially attracted. He is very different from other young people he was a man with a very unusual world view that has so to speak of the beyond thinking. In doing so life on earth in the everyday sense he was absolutely not adapted.. I was a little confused at the beginning of our family life. After all when she's going to marry she pretends she will live with this man just as a man support protection. But he was with all his lofty qualities a man entirely other-worldly and the inability to adjust to normal family life. Apparently this was a plan of God because when I'm with my father Daniel first met I was mad with him interesting. I was struck by how much he is intelligent and erudite had encyclopedic memory and a huge sincere faith and love for God. I am just now fully aware of how it was a massive personality. And then I felt in him a kindred spirit. Many young people I really do not understand I think I just ecstatic and spoiled. And I immediately knew it I thought he was amazing on internally like me. However I already could not imagine how it is possible to live in domestic terms.. And indeed for the past fifteen years we have had a lot of difficulties.. Of course now I think I would have to suffer with him and yet if it were possible. I suffered with him of course. He was able to raise an incredible mess around..

Mother Julia Sysoev  
Creative

Yes he had a creative mess around. The fifteen years I have been in that led him to order almost combed down to this. . I understand that this is my ministry.. Today I remembered that I loved

him cook. But now after he had gone I probably have not even want to cook because I was preparing for him. I realized that many things in life I've done for him.

The last three years I lived in constant expectation father Daniel worked hard went to mission trips. He gave all of himself to the service.

Of course we had and the period when we had a bit of traveling together several times been abroad to travel as a family. We also have had an interesting road trip to Russia.

It must have been the happiest time

Yes it's been a carefree time.. especially when he was only a deacon or a priest was just starting but it still was not coming. But when he began to create a community it is all as cut off from the family. ...It's all plunged into work.. Always say I do not have time I still have a lot to get done.. I have very little. . They kill me I can feel it.

He said it as a joke or seriously enough

No it is always about death was serious. As a joke he perceived threats.. Father Daniel is not afraid on the contrary had even laughing with humor is perceived. Of course it has taken some action appealed to the authorities he had friends in this area but it somehow did not bring results. Probably because he had to since the Lord has chosen him a martyr.

Tell us about the nature of his father Daniel. So many people know it as a wonderful priest a talented preacher and missionary and he had been a man

He has the energy beat over the edge I always wonder how much a man of strength energy and desire.. Of course it all came from his sincere almost childlike love for Christ for His Word. I now understand the words of Christ when he said Be like children. In this sense the father of Daniel was a child. I think in some cases this may explain his special zeal and sometimes politically incorrect.

Perhaps somewhere and were excesses but his example shows us that the Christian must be principled. For example if we believe in Christ then we can not call the prophet Mohammed a prophet..

And the second thing that has always attracted and drawn people to him it is his very open soul too can say a child open.

Recently we watched the video lessons of Father Daniel in Sunday school.. It is amazing how he was able to convey to the children the truth of Christ. He was able to rejoice and to give this joy to people.

Sure there were moments when he was sullen and angry would sometimes break yell. But people generally have not seen more often battered us the family.

In addition the father of Daniel was able to serve joyfully.. Each of his service he made as if to rise. Festive service he could make a really holiday so people coming out of the temple with shining faces. After all is such that the priest comes to the service is not in the mood one growled another. But Daniel's father was able to hide it he left the threshold of the church all their problems and bad mood. That is when he came to serve God he always brought people joy. In my opinion it was an amazing gift.

I'm still here is the question. Father Daniel said that people in his family were Tatars and great-grandfather was a mullah. And supposedly Muslims calculate it ancestry to Muhammad.

Yes it is a quarter of a Tartar the maternal line. Our family received a multinational I am a quarter Jewish on his father's side and he was a quarter of a Tartar. Indeed the great-grandfather he was a mullah. It is believed that his lineage goes back to Muhammad.

. In this respect we have everything with it is very unusual.. Father Daniel many great people in the family and I have for example great-grandmother of boyar Kolychevs. It turned out that St. Philip Metropolitan of Moscow comes to my cousin because my great-grandmother a direct descendant of this branch. Even her name was Kolycheva. The amazing thing is that we got married on the day of the commemoration of Metropolitan Philip.

Tell us about its activities. What did he do last year

What just not engaged.. He worked all tried to grasp the immensity. He devoted a lot of energy mission. He had a secret dream to create a missionary congregations around the world to preach the non-Orthodox and within diasporas. At first it was just a dream but gradually it began to be carried by its missionaries. Came to him baptized ethnic Muslims Azerbaijani Dagestanis.. Father Daniel had the idea to teach the baptized Muslim missionary work so that they could preach Christ among their people. It is much easier when it comes to the Azerbaijani Azeri and tells him about God what if it makes people of other nationalities. Another father Daniel wanted the Orthodox service was translated into many languages the Bible which exists in all languages. . So to have served in Dagestan and Dagestan.. etc.

You can tell he thought universal. Now many people like to say that Orthodoxy a religion for the Russian. Father Daniel was with this totally disagree. He railed against the fact that we must first of all to preach his Russian and then other people or that you can not preach on foreign soil.. This false thoughts they are very in the spirit of our time. He said that an Orthodox person should be a proselyte he is always and everywhere to preach the Word of God.. Thus comes the sectarians and in this they are right. Orthodox should follow their example. Based on this idea the father of Daniel began to create his project school street missionaries.

And what is the essence of this school Tell us more..

2008 In 2008 Daniel's father at the church of St. Thomas the Apostle established a missionary school. Already had the first issue. It teaches young boys they read the Bible together dismantled sense and Father Daniel explained to them how to talk to atheists and cultists how to say what

arguments lead. Then they went to the practice on the street talking to people spoke to them about God handing out leaflets. In this case Father Daniel believed that priests should not go because their duty to make these missionaries and to be in the temple. A walk to the laity.

He also engaged in the construction of the temple

Yes except that he was actively involved in building the future of the church. Moreover it should be a temple quite unusual for Russia architecture. He fired up to build Byzantine basilica. In general the father of Daniel was in the life of an esthete he loved all beautiful and such pathos. He wanted to make it something special mosaic some stained glass windows. When we went with him abroad then gather some ideas. Once visited the Coptic Church and saw there a most unusual ceiling were inserted in round colored glasses get something like stained glass. He loved it he wanted to do something similar in his temple.

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I heard that the father of Daniel rather boldly built the church in honor of St. Thomas

Yes it was a daring.. If he had waited for permission from the authorities there still would be a wasteland. He did not expect a piece of paper he just climbed through. Initially we were told that the site will be to take the construction of the temple only to Moscow City Government have a lot of coordination. These agreements go so far and they end in sight. When this section we arbitrarily selected the father of Daniel once put it shed with a cross. Of course before he received the blessing of the hierarchy. Without the blessing of the lord he did not do anything so before went to the lord and he gave this blessing. Wanted to start with only a dwelling but then put the hut and gradually began to build up her. As a result the authorities simply had to put before the fact that the temporary church already is.

Recently a story when the church was threatened closure. Why is this

In the summer we wanted to take the site on which the temple. This was an initiative of the Department of Environment of Moscow. The reason for removal of land they called that allegedly does not conform to the temple of environmental legislation. Father Daniel then threw their all.. This story was laid down by its strong started having health problems.. But he put so much effort to stop this wave. This case had to do to defend or to fail all his works and that decision were serious people. And it was a miracle of God that the church defended. Again his boundless energy and boldness. He will never give up. If problems started he immediately went to battle.

Is there any hope that the temple on his project actually be built

He will be built I do not doubt it. This is predicted by our elder Adrian. He said that the temple would be built but the father of Daniel it will not serve. Of course Father Daniel hoped that it will have time to build so it's in a hurry. Actually he built knowing that there will be serve.

Has your life together miracles

Miracles were but now comes to mind only associated with the funeral..

After his death it was a miracle which is worth mentioning. Father Daniel the person had lined vestments and he be buried in it. . When he sewed he immediately said You bury me in it. Then I accepted the serious thought so bury themselves going. This garment was kept in the church but from him about a year ago and now lost charge and no one could find them. Before the funeral when the robes were gathered to be taken to the morgue all to remember that there is no charge and the belt. So it was very surprising when Father Vitaly went to the altar and saw Bands Father Daniel lying on the chair. Time then forgotten about have already arrived in the morgue and then remembered that the belts do not. Then called to the temple asked to find from any other zone vestments. It ran to look and suddenly see the belt is on the same chair. So that's all there was a robe. This of course the sheer miracle.

. Another was when my father and I first met Daniel.

1994 In 1994 while still a single girl I first went to the Holy Land. When I was going on a trip the confessor told me not to ask for something specific and pray for a decent groom. Therefore standing at the Holy Sepulchre I have asked the Lord for the groom and not just the groom and such to seek the priesthood. I knew that in this holy place my prayer is sure to be heard.

A month later my father and I met Daniel.

More of that trip I brought myself a gold ring with a small diamond.. All these years I never once did not remove it so ingrained in the ring finger and not withdrawn. Now even a trace of it remained.. As we walked to the cemetery for the burial I'm vexed this longing attacked as if desperate.. Here at my feet suddenly something fell look and a bouquet of purple irises and somewhat unusual non-store The amazing thing is that when my father and I met Daniel he just went on a first date with violet irises. I realized it was from a bouquet. Yes to the cemetery road strewn with flowers but Iris was not there. When I received this bouquet I realized that I'll give him something expensive. And since my ring he had brought from the Holy Land due to the request of decent groom then I decided to give him a ring. Sometimes in life I really grumble. There were times when I wished she had married him. I did not understand how this could happen. But at that time I would like someone to lead it.. Even before marriage I tried to break off relations with him. Once I told him that the more we meet we will not and still then we miraculously met in the alley at the abbey. And got married. I thought I asked the Lord for a worthy suitor. Now I understand what's really met him in my life. His ring I decided to give him. It does not shoot a lot of years but this time I took it off easily and put him in the arm. So we exchanged gifts.

Your family was left without a head and breadwinner. Do you need any help

Thanks to all the people immediately responded to our distress bring help. I also helped our members organized account in my name he is hanging on the official website of the temple there

can be translated donation. I did not mean to do it but they made themselves saying that I still have small children it is necessary to think about the future.

Father Daniel were prophetic words. When he said that he was ever killed I asked And who are you leave us You got three kids and you're going to become a martyr. He always dreamed of martyrdom. . In response he told me I will hand you are in good hands the Blessed Virgin Mary. My children from the first day were those hands feel really although it had lost. But he's always with us too helps. I can feel it.

In that sense I'm calm but that's not what he himself is of course very hard. And for the kids too. I think sometimes and very saddened that the younger Angelina will grow up without a father at all. Sometimes it is absolutely intolerable. ! Especially when the baby started to touch his robe and say 'Dad! Where is Dad Looking at these scenes just breaks my heart.. Still I was hoping that we girls have time to grow. Somehow he talked and talked but I thought I would not now that will raise children together..

What do you think what would be the spiritual father's will of Daniel

Probably Fr Daniel would like to see his work continued to be found by people for that. First of all it's missionary and church and mission around the world. I think that it's not going to die. Those who tried to shut him up did not achieve its goals.. On the contrary his case would be only a hundred times more powerful.

Lord save you.

## COMMENTS ABOUT FATHER DANIEL'S IMPACT

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Sergei Gerasimov Hello dear listeners. Today we have a funeral to be somewhat gloomy transfer and can be in a sense and joyful.(). It will be dedicated to the memory of the murdered father of Daniel (Sysoev).() We now present the chairman of missionary education center head of the Missionary and Educational Center Six Days Archpriest Konstantin (buffer) the brother of the murdered Father Daniel Sysoev Basil and Vladimir Semenko our resident writer a senior fellow of the Institute of Religious and Social Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. With whom do we start With father perhaps Sir please. Father Constantine has long collaborated with his father Daniel.. Daniel's father was the executive secretary of the center Six Days. So please sir

you have the floor.

Archpriest Constantine Indeed for many years we had together with his father Daniel communicate.-Interestingly enough this communication is never reduced to a drinking some themes to some frivolous and not on business meetings. We can recall dozens of examples where it was a job. Work at conferences for missionary work drafting discussions round tables interviews. He was a man who did not like to spend time wasted.. He always remembered the words of a true vocation to testify. 35As his forces tried to do it. 35 years the period of earthly life is not the time such a power of wisdom when a person is ready to rest on their laurels when a man in an unhurried relaxation can reap the rewards of their large multi developments. Father Daniel was very efficient very lively very active preacher. This is his main feature characteristic. When at some conference presenters could tire the audience when all is nodding and snuffle suddenly took the word father Daniel and all at once awakened revived his eyes lit up and asked questions. He himself was very frisky and active. And this activity as a good way to infect everyone else. Father Daniel is sometimes criticized for the fact that it is not very accurate in their expressions. Indeed his book his speech showed that he seems to be even wallow in the information you want to convey. His idea was ahead of his speech. It was a bad stylist. But no one would say that his performances his preaching and his articles have been meaningless. Unfortunately we sometimes meet any sermon the priest or is there someone says what what reason what to say rapporteur No one understood. All overslept. Here in Daniel has always been thought. This idea has always been pronounced nature of the Gospel. He did not like waste of words. If he said it was clear this dogmatic expression and its specific application in the life of the church. That's just a feature of his career he was a living sermon is that it is very dogmatic thought. I would say that is a rare gift to speak now in fact to speak the truth. Do not remember any of the words there are stories smeared in time and uncertain questionable content. This good news has always been what would he say not to start. And because his word was sharp and it is sometimes perceived as almost insulting. Many managed to take offense but offended by the truth. I had to edit some of his articles in collections. Indeed he was a bad stylist. But then his thoughts often taken and developed by others. I myself had to feed him with a few such important and significant extensions of this lecture is to bring a better more elegant more peaceful and blissful perception of such people. He was willing to give all audiences the hope of his report with gentleness and respect as taught by the Apostle Peter. Unfortunately Christians today are few people who are ready to give an account here so my hopes. Even fewer people are now willing to bear the word of God and see the point see the vocation. Father Daniel was certainly talent was a gift from God to have the ability to carry the word of God. If we have missionaries in our church were missionaries before yesterday in our church it is probably one of the first to be named by the justice You can compare many others who want to be called by name or missionaries. But the comparison does not go to these estimates because some scholastic reasoning talking on a common theme preaching that no one brought to Christ and never will such a familiar style of protocol. Or conversely to surprise the audience with some maxims.. The whole thing was a father Daniel of course far. His word was always powerful has always been a bright was executed faristicheskikh expressions always based on scripture and on the traditions of the holy fathers. He did not like to speak for themselves. That's what I knew him for many years. Maybe in your family it was different it is difficult to say. Let this show home. But here as I have not met with him such a gush this flows from oversupply that grace. Out of the belly of the river

water flowing briskly. It's about him. He could testify to the gospel near and distant acquaintances and strangers to any audience and his word is encouraged to think prompted sometimes argue came back to take the good news.

Sergei Gerasimov Basil let us now we will give you the floor. Tell us how he lived in the family who as you perceive it some details.

Vasily Sysoev But he was a very bright man for us always. We loved him very much because he was a pattern in all things. He was the firstborn. He asked the extraordinary rhythm and that extraordinary height which we will to which we now seek to everyone in our family as well as the death of a martyr is probably the best as he believed for any Christian. At its core his whole life he led as a confessor.<sup>80</sup> Here is even a story of a child in the first grade when he was still at school and at school he studied during the Soviet Union in the 80s it was once delivered to the class where the children were also Soviet educated in atheism. The teacher asked what are you you believe in God and the prayers you know. Naturally the entire class guffawed began to shout that Gagarin flew into space God is not seen. His father Daniel after a pause said yes I believe in God and I know a lot of prayers. It was perhaps one of the most striking examples of his confession which was in the beginning stages of his life.. And the last step we have seen here a few days ago the martyr's crown which he received from God. By itself it has always been very kind sympathetic performing any requests which we access it. But of course if it was for good. He rallied us around his parish. That is my brother and older my second Pimen he sang in the choir. Our younger brother Tikhon altarnichal with his blessing. Youngest sister often came while she was still very small her mother would not let one at such a great distance but often too came and sang with us. He never let us forget in times of trouble has always helped. He baptized my son personally crowned us with our older brother Peter and Paul Cathedral in St. Thomas. We will remember him always his wonderful smile. Here I do not remember a single moment in his life when he was not smiling. More smiling joking. He is always happy never sad.<sup>2</sup> There was a wonderful occasion when he broke his leg just 2 years ago if I do not get them mixed up. Just a little while now mixed up I'm sorry. And this situation was that Dean would not let him return for the parish priest to serve.. And he was forced to serve itself since (not clear) and the service should never end it is the foundation of all Christian life (not clear). And a great sign it with a broken leg out myself. And I see him coming he wild pain in her leg. He overpowers her and smiles. And the prayer reads placed on the great input. He comes to the altar where it has already put in a wheelchair go on Liturgy. This was his meaning to life. He stepped through all with a smile on his lips.

Sergei Gerasimov Mom and Dad came to faith in the Soviet era. And you were born in a devout family.

Vasily Sysoev No no. Father Daniel was born even when mom and dad were not baptized. <sup>79</sup>- The baptism took together in the 79 th year. Of course the father of Daniel could not just be baptized. From the very childhood characterized by the fact that God gave him the gift of a certain mystique. At baptism he saw an angel. And this he testified parents immediately when they are moving round the font and inquired of them as you see it The parents of course replied that they had not seen it. And he's a lot of time with me in person told me that he saw it I saw a certain

man in fiery robes standing next to the font. And after being baptized respectively our family began to be brought up in Christianity. I mean yes we were born in Pimen Orthodox family but it was still some time in the family of non-Christian parents.

Sergei Gerasimov What was caused by his interest in Islam Why he chose this field for missionary work so extraordinary I must have come across more and that man is missionary work in that environment.

Vasily Sysoev This is a very interesting question. I asked him too and many of his asked. And each time he answered with a smile on his lips saying I have never wanted to deal with this garbage because he believed Islam was garbage between religion and Satanism. And he never wanted to do it. But he said that God had sent me there and sent as a rebellious child forced to do it. I with patience and faith in him took the cross.

Sergei Gerasimov Is received threats Such was the pressure

Vasily Sysoev Pressing was very strong both on the Internet and phone calls with threats to murder received threats from Islamists. I personally witnessed several such attacks in his direction personally when approached and threatened to cut the throat and so on and so on.

Sergei Gerasimov Right on the street came up

Vasily Sysoev On the street on a mission and so on and so forth. For example on a holiday Sabantuy when my father preached to the equestrian Bitsa he was approached explicit Wahhabis threatened that if you do not leave here we'll further cut the throat. To which he smiled sweetly and said I do not I can leave I'm sorry I preach the word of Christ fulfilling his commandment.

Sergei Gerasimov Bob how did you find out about this tragedy How worried do family

Vasily Sysoev I heard about it somewhere after half an hour. I got a call the temple workers. I will not name names.. And was told that his father shot Daniel and hit in the head and that he is now in intensive care. I called my brother with his father on the way to church of course is because it popped up almost immediately only managed to take the money. We arrived at the venue. Mother we did not immediately report for some reason they themselves know how to because they had to make everything. We arrived at the place. In place of the police already had we were not allowed into the temple. Were not even allowed a priest who wanted to take Holy Communion and go to his father Daniel to the hospital his commune. But as it turned out later on it was not necessary since the day he celebrated the Divine Liturgy itself on her Communion. And as if in this turmoil we went to the hospital on. 0.15 It found that at 0.15 Fr Daniel went to the Lord without pain we believe because the first bullet hit him in the neck in the carotid artery and the second is the killer has finished its control shot to the head most likely he did not even feel because of loss of blood he immediately lost consciousness.

Sergei Gerasimov Basil you told me that he was after his death

Vasily Sysoev Yes as I told my daughter not a daughter or rather our sister talked to their oldest daughter Ustinov. And that my mother said that night he was to her asked her for forgiveness. And she forgave him and they said goodbye. And all around his funeral burial has already taken several miracles. The first miracle associated with the vestments. He bequeathed to bury himself in his first robe long very simple. But our careless good altar boy lost last year's rail and belt and the year could not be found. Break all at the direction of the whole church to be found. And the priests the very next day after the tragedy had been going to the morgue body wash and clothe solemnly it there. Go to the altar and watch the most prominent place are collected carefully laid rails. There is also a few hours and the belt which is also brought to the morgue where he was dressed.

Sergei Gerasimov Our people of course that's after this tragedy that's XX century I mean the revolution of the representatives of our people have lost some Christian and moral guidance.. Many unfortunately large are now trying as it is monstrous sounds improve their financial situation or in any way to advertise yourself around here that's a terrible tragedy. Basil from which to warn our students Orthodox Christians just people of good will

Vasily Sysoev There is a problem. So we recently visited Internet there is a huge number of people offering different accounts and details which you can transfer the money to the family. This is not true. This money will not reach and will remain in the hands of those who are behind this. Or of course they get but not the fact that in the amount that you have sacrificed. 2 So I would like to say officially that there are only two sources where you can transfer the money. This is due to the temple of the prophet Daniel which you can find at the Temple of the prophet Daniel in the mission site. And second this purse Yandex Money created by Julia Sysoeva personally.

We know that at the funeral of Father Daniel had 237 priests and about a thousand of the laity. This is an unprecedented case yes. Many worthy pastors died including violent death but we have not recall. I am expressing a hope that this is just a manifestation of the fact that the blood of the martyrs is the Church and really this tragic case once granted us better Christians than we are today. Sergei Gerasimov Let's answer the question of our listeners.

Listener Good afternoon: .I did not question but you know like a reaction to the lukewarm Christians. It is very difficult in this country to be lukewarm. The fact that the Kremlin Orthodox Orthodox men sit with all these sections as they are called father of Daniel that ordinary Christians is to be done So all right. And you look like in these Muslim republics.. They state governors are currently no such permit. They clearly watch over his religion.. And so they have people aggressively defending his faith.

Archpriest Constantine I think that this issue should be addressed either to all or to the entire population and of the whole church and to each person. The question of conscious confession his duty there. The Apostle said Everyone stayed in the same calling wherein he was called.. Here and be a Christian. You can be at home at work in any place decent conscientious zealous confessor. Not all can be missionaries who go to the word of God himself. Not all of the Apostles not all prophets not all teachers. Again thoughts of Scripture. Here the father of Daniel was the gift to spread the word of God in this apostolic spirit. He had this gift and used it. Burned off his

gift is let every man replied that he did not complete that he did not what fruit to bring the example of those who brought the fruit worthy. Its maturity its probably already ready to move to the Lord and was revealed by the fact that the Lord has given him a martyr's death. The other will ever wanted to enter heaven bypassing ordeal bypassing these posthumous temptation. And he deserved it. Keep it up right. Each in its place the power that shapes. Here there and enjoy it as a Christian.

Sergei Gerasimov Basil please tell us which version there are now killing. And your experience with the Interior Ministry the FSB and so on.

## COMMENTS OF THE MARTYRDOM

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In Moscow the right shot in the temple known missionary priest Daniil Sysoev.

Sad list of slain priest added another name. Name is familiar and Orthodox believers and people of other religious beliefs as audacious shot in his temple priest Daniel Sysoev was an ardent missionary and apologist. Candidate of Theology employee Dushepopechitelskogo rehabilitation centers for victims of totalitarian cults and pseudo-religious movements named after St. John of Kronstadt the author of several books and articles missionary he was preaching Orthodoxy among his flock and among the gentiles.

The rector of the Church of St. Thomas at Kantemirovskaya (southern suburb of Moscow) Priest Daniel Sysoev was killed the night of 19 November at 2230. Killer in the medical mask shouting Where Sysoev Burst into the house and opened fire wounding choir director Vladimir Strelbitsky. Father Daniel was at this time at the altar preparing to practice.. Hearing the noise and shouting Father Daniel left the altar. The killer shot him the father of Daniel fell and the killer fired again in the head then fled. 00.15. His father Daniel never regained consciousness died in hospital in 0015. 2.45 At 2.45 Priest Alexy Lymarev near the church held a service attended by family and spiritual children of his father Daniel.

Pectoral cross of Father Daniel with blood

Father Daniel Sysoev was 35 years old I lost my father three daughters. For him preach among the Gentiles was not only the priestly duty. After all his father Daniel son of Moscow priest Fr Alexei Sysoev was half Tatar maternal line. His soul was sick of people that are not in the saving boundaries of the Orthodox Church.. So he went to preach to Muslims and the people caught in the nets of destructive sects. Went knowing how it could be dangerous for him personally. But if his word can warm someone awaken from spiritual slumber so to go and preach. And to write a book and go through the city and to defend the truth in articles in debates..

Contrary to the opinion of many and the word of God and the decision of the Church unequivocally condemn marriages between Christians and people of other faiths wrote Father Daniel in his famous book Marriage to a Muslim. (. 34 16). If we look at the Scriptures we see that almost throughout the sacred history God warns against mixing people loyal to him with those who did not do his will.. the law of God recorded in writing this rule Do not take of their daughters and their sons Do not give your daughters in marriage to their sons so that their daughters go a whoring after their gods and make thy sons entered a whoring after their gods (Ex. 34 16).

But war is war sometimes shoot.. Father Daniel was threatened many times by fanatical Muslims. That's only recently he wrote in his blog.. I have another piece of news. Today you'll laugh but the Muslims again promised to kill me.It is now on the phone. Well enough. 14- The 14-th time. I'm used to but it used to be bothered.. And so I ask all to pray.It is no longer afraid. Otboiyalsya I have five years ago.For now just got used to living under constant threat. I after all bodies of the same Islamic threat reported not just the Muslims themselves. And since everything is in God's hands. And if that is so soon to heaven without trials.!» That's great!

In connection with the threats priest twice appealed for help to the FSB. Anonymous terrorists still wrote that he had already been sentenced to death.

The preaching of Christ was for the father of Daniel importantly even their lives. And he was not afraid of threats did not leave the missionary service.

Aware of who might be behind the violent death of his father Daniel we must remember and follow the words of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill who on the death of the priest saidAny lawless deprivation of human life is a grave sin. But the murder of the priest in the church it is also a challenge to the law of God the reproach given to us by the Lord shrines.. And this sin God will not remain without vengeance. I hope that what happened and human justice.However while the names of the perpetrators are unknown ask everyone to refrain from any hasty accusations and harsh judgments against particular persons or groups.

We asked famous people in Russia to speak about the tragedy and start understanding what happened.

If you are killed for their faith then it is true

Archpriest Gennady Belovolov rector of St. John the Theologian Church and Leushinsky monastery St. Petersburg

Unfortunately I'm not worthy to be personally acquainted with the father of Daniel and therefore I can not share personal memories.While listening to his sermons in the record and of course there was once a deep sense of connection with him during his lifetime.And now after his tragic death it has intensified.

His death produced a feeling of inner upheaval. 35 A young father a talented at age 35 he

managed to write a few books could say a lot of preaching he had so many lead to Christ baptize those without it probably would not be baptized. But when tragedy conceptualize spiritual awareness you realize that there was something very important in the life of the Church. The Church of course found a new martyr. Of course it is not the first priest who was killed in the last decade. But other tragic cases in the majority do not perhaps so obvious signs of martyrdom. After all Father Daniel was killed in the temple. He is in the eleventh hour of the night to perform the sacrament of Confession was in the garb with a cross on his chest. Obviously he killed infidels. And it's killing was purely religious. He was killed for his faith for his confession of Christ. For the analysis of Islam and the Orthodox point of view. And it makes it certainly confessors and martyrs of our time. Our earthly Church has lost one of the most worthy priests of our time one of the purest heart fearlessly courageously.. But ours is the Heavenly Church acquired martyr prayer confessor. While on the one hand we are experiencing a tragedy on the other hand it remains a triumph of Orthodoxy. After all those who argue father Daniel could not find any verbal arguments. Their last and only argument was murder.. In such cases we are talking about the victory of the spiritual.

Father Daniel for us pastors and lay people to perhaps the bezstrashie faith.. Is a feat that is possible and needed in our time. Father Daniel knew that he could get hurt. 14 Threatened him 14 times. It could be quiet. Could leave the feat missionaries but did not change the Christ remained faithful to him and showed that in our time there is a place Christian feat. Perhaps this is the meaning of God's permission. Of course we understand that if God did not allow this tragedy would not have accomplished. Apparently God hath to us just wake up from spiritual sleep. To show us the need for such a courageous confession of our faith standing in faith. That perhaps to show the direction of the main attack.

If there are priests in the Church though they are few even if he is one however we can say that our faith is right our faith alive. If killed for their faith then it is true. Father Daniel as if reminded us of the first Christian martyrs who knowing that they can kill betray the torment is their faith. Father Daniel revealed the high purity of Orthodoxy image of our time.. We of course we will pray for him we honor him. Now no one will be able to close his mouth.. No one can intimidate and deprive him of speech. Will sound his talk it would print his book. I think the word he will be even more loudly more authoritative. For it is sealed blood of martyrdom.

He died in office

Archpriest Oleg Teor Prior military church of St. Alexander Nevsky Pskov

Father Daniel Sysoev visited us in our church he I remember we liked. And on his death I learned one of the first about one o'clock. I was in Moscow and came to me sms-ka with this tragic news. I immediately called the Temple of the Apostle Thomas and I have confirmed that this is true.. we immediately began to pray for the murdered ieree Daniel.

How was it possible to kill a priest for his sermon When we the Orthodox meet with people of other religions and sects and sometimes meet people even of Orthodoxy and not because the idea to somehow pursue them threaten them. It's their choice and every man will be responsible for it

before God.. And of course wrong to pursue those who had baptized came to Orthodoxy. Orthodox faith for at what ages over millennia in Russia brought only good fruit learned to live in peace she rallied the Russian people in building and defending our Russian state our Holy Russia. I have seen how people are unhappy PLEASE of Orthodoxy in a family of faith. Wrote about it in his book Marriage to a Muslim and said in his sermons and his father Daniel. We of course have every right and need to talk about the Holy Orthodox faith and their co-religionists and those who wish to voluntarily adopt Orthodoxy. Father Daniel was not baptized former Muslims fire sword or threats he led them to Christ but the strength of his convictions. And the fact that he was killed I regard as a great injustice.

. More than once I was in Chechnya where our soldiers fought. (06- Together with Bishop Eusebius (Metropolitan Pskov and Velikie Ed.) And Defence Minister I consign the legendary fighters of the 6th Company. And the death of the priest Daniel I think is like the death of a soldier on the battlefield. Those who fell in battles soldiers and officers were killed fulfilling their duty to the Fatherland which they are sworn. The priest a warrior of Christ also swears allegiance to the Celestial Fatherland. Military stand guard their country around the clock and the priests too are on guard souls day and night. Father Daniel to the end of his duty. ;He died in office is symbolic that he was killed while the dead of night to confess the congregation.

Only he who is flaming faith can ignite others'

Fr Alex Bogdan director of the Missionary Department of the Samara diocese sacristan of the Intercession Cathedral Samara

Missionary is always on the cutting edge. Since ancient times the missionaries went to a variety of nations the Gentiles and of course had to grief. Our time is compounded by the fact that our canonical territory authorities do very little to stop the tyranny of all kinds of sects religious fanatics.

My opinion is that the cause of death of Father Daniel began his book they gave that response in the society which has become intolerable to his opponents. Father Daniel was trying to determine what is a theological point of view for example the concept of heaven in Islam. Of course it could cause a backlash from Muslim extremists. Father Daniel kept preaching among migrant workers infidels who came to Russia to work. Of course someone does not like it! One day his father Daniel asked And how are those who christened here in Russia they declare themselves at home And he said 'What do you mean You know as secret disciples of Christ Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus they secretly came to Christ. And if these new believers will declare themselves as Christians there can be anything! ...» The whole race of them turn away can kill as apostates.. Maybe someone of the relatives of these people know something and it has caused hatred. But this is my guess..

The blood of martyrs the seed of the Christian faith

Archpriest Oleg Kitov Dean Bezimyansky Deanery Samara

Every Christian if he is the Christ must be willing to confess the faith of Christ even unto death. The word martyr in Greek sounds like witness. Testified to the truth of the first martyrs of their faith in Christ with martyrdom and death. (Matt. 10:28). Christ himself was *pervopolozhnikom* martyrdom himself suffered on the cross and died for all of us and commanded Do not fear those who kill the body the soul is not able to kill but rather fear Him who is able both soul and body to destroy in hell (Matt. 10:28). Father Daniel Sysoev revealed a striking example of the certificate of the truth of Christ he was a preacher of the truth fearlessly. He was not tolerant to the modern sense of the word but boldly preached the Gospel and therefore does not fit into the overall picture of public lukewarmness.

Yes on the internet there are responses from which just aback. Some enthusiastic dancing on the grave of the murdered.. Rejoice in the madness of his mad that killed the priest. But this is not surprising but rather a feeling of pity for this rejoicing *bezserdechnym* blind. The Lord warned us in the Gospel that are times when killing you will think that they serve this God.. These words of the Holy Gospel confirmed before our eyes. In ancient times when the pagans seduced by your idolatry crucified burned brutally tortured killed the first Christians believing that by doing so they defended their paternal faith and thus acted piously and properly. XX But how was the persecution of Christians in the first century and what a terrible persecution was our Russian Orthodox Church in the XX century however Christianity was is and will be. And the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church by Christ until the second coming of the Savior. Those who rejoice in the death of the servant of God rejoice in vain. I would not like to say that they enjoy themselves to destruction because no man can wish for the death of another. Even wish but not that murder.. Good Lord would rescue.. This desire for the salvation of the Gentiles and unbelieving father Daniel. He has no one had animosity but rather encouraged to see the light of Christ's truth to come to know Christ and to God the Father through the Son. Who does not confess that the Son is not the Father and confess! It is this truth he wanted to plant in the hearts of people professing different views.

The basic version which killed his father Daniel Islamists some fanatical followers of radical clerics in Islam. But the spiritual leaders of Islam the muftis in their official statements about the incident mourn and resent this *bezchelovechnym* crime. They lamented that bring their condolences to the family of the murdered priests and to all Orthodox believers.

First Deputy Chairman of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of European Russia Damir Gizatullin said This unbridled causing offense. If the priest raises questions the answers to them to look for a civilized manner and not through murder.

But if the salt have lost his savor wherewith shall it be salted.

In what a fantastic time granted us to live God!

What is particularly echoed in my heart Father Daniel said that eventually came to the conclusion that it is necessary in a dispute with the people of other religions do not criticize their faith and to show its beauty it is paying off.

And it's true.

He is very inspired all of us and our young priests.

Just after he left the city widely expanded their share Adventists color booklets distributed to all invited to FREE movie. And our priests inspired by the example of Father Daniel organized a picket in front of the cinema warned everyone that this sect and the Russian Orthodox Church does not bless them to attend the event.

Action Adventists failed miserably. They failed to replenish their ranks.(!) The money for the rent of the hall for three weeks (!) And the booklets have been wasted. They were not able to get new followers and the tithes of their income.

. These were the fruits of Father Daniel arrival to our city.

No matter what they say even if the father Daniel had some errors of opinion we are all imperfect and do not forget about it but I like many many I believe that he was granted martyrdom for Christ! For me it is beyond doubt.

The man had the gift of preaching the gift of a missionary and not bury it and served them to the Lord!

Right cornfield ripe its time to praise the Lord and come to the very kingdom of heaven whom he looked for.

God help his fellow man to survive his tragic death!