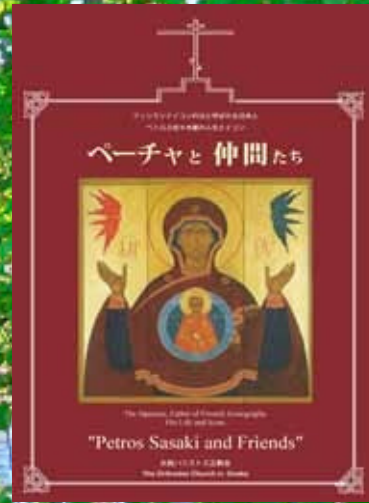


Connecting Finland and Japan

New Book Announcement



Petya and Friends

The life and icons of Petros Sasaki Iwao, a Japanese man known as the father of Finnish icons

He dedicated his life to expressing the world of God in Finland, a country of forests and lakes. This is a unique record that compiles the testimonies of his friends in both countries. Written in two languages, Japanese and English. 116 pages, A4 size, full color. The price is 1,500 yen (postage 200 yen for mail delivery within Japan).

Petros Sasaki Iwao (1939-1999) was born into a devout Christian family in Odate, Akita Prefecture, and was baptized in the Hokuroku Orthodox Church. He studied at a seminary in Tokyo, evangelized in Osaka, and studied in Greece to learn traditional Byzantine iconography. He was welcomed into the Finnish Orthodox Church, where he painted icons and trained many successors. While his icons are faithful to tradition, they are also original in their bright colors, which have been likened to "a summer flower field in Finland," and his skillful brushwork has the feel of Japanese-style painting.

For orders and inquiries, please contact Osaka Orthodox Church at 06-6388-4512 or osaka.orthodox.church@gmail.com.



Petya and Friends Synopsis



Photo Exhibition Record

With a wealth of photographs and valuable items, the exhibition presents Petros' life and work from various angles.

Footprints in Japan

- Odate, childhood, Hokuroku Orthodox Church (Photo 1)
- Tokyo, seminary days (Nicolai Cathedral)
- Osaka, missionary days



To Greece

Activities and works in Finland

- Traveling to Finland and meeting Archbishop Paavari
- Icon production at the Lintula Monastery (Photo 2)
- Fresco of the Resurrection
- Icon of St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Japan
- The Designer Petros (Crosses, Funeral Sets, etc.)
- Peter and his disciples
- Fresco in the Church of the Transfiguration in Kajaani (photo 3) and their final resting place

Commemorative speech

(Testimonies by friends from both countries)

-  Petros in Finland, his journey and work
-  Father Vesa Takala, Katarina Husso
- Memories of Petya, a life dedicated to icons and faith Masahisa Makaryi Hirooka (Professor Emeritus, Kyoto Sangyo University)

Record of the Restoration of the Epitaphios

Petros Sasaki's icon book (with photos)

How to paint icons in the Petros style (Photo 4)

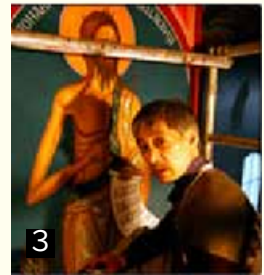
Petros and Hymns: A Gift to the choir of Osaka



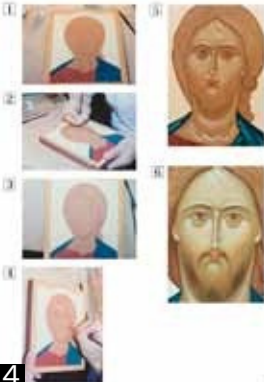
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