



**The Uncovering of the Holy Relics  
of Our Righteous Father Seraphim of Sarov  
Which the Holy Church Celebrates on July 19.**

The uncovering of the holy relics of Saint Seraphim of Sarov on July 19, 1903 was attended by many thousands, among them the foremost of the clergy and royalty; the holy Tsar Nicholas II (see July 4) was one of the bearers of the relics in procession, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth (see July 5) wrote an eyewitness account of the many miracles that took place. Not only had the Saint foretold the coming of the Tsar to his glorification, and that from joy they would chant “Christ is Risen” in summer, but he had also left a letter when he came in 1903; the contents of the letter are not known, but when he read it, the Tsar and future Martyr, though not a man to show his emotions, was visibly shaken. For the life of Saint Seraphim, see January 2.

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*Dismissal Hymn of Saint Seraphim. Fourth Tone*

**T**HOU didst love Christ from thy youth, O blessed one, and ardently desiring to work for him alone, thou didst struggle in the wilderness with constant prayer and labour; and having acquired love for Christ with compunction of heart, thou didst prove to be the beloved favourite of the Mother of God. Wherefore, we cry to thee: Save us by thy prayers, O Seraphim, our holy Father.

*Kontakion of Saint Seraphim. Second Tone*

**H**AVING left the beauty of the world and what is corrupt therein, O Saint, thou didst settle in the Monastery of Sarov. And having lived there an angelic life, thou wast for many the way unto salvation. Wherefore, Christ hath glorified thee, O Father Seraphim, and hath enriched thee with the gift of healing and miracles. And so we cry to thee: Rejoice, O Seraphim, our holy Father.



**OUR GOD-BEARING FATHER  
SERAPHIM OF SAROV  
SAVE US.**



† THE PROCESSION OF THE RELICS  
OF SAINT SERAPHIM OF SAROV DURING THE  
GLORIFICATION OF SAINT SERAPHIM ON JULY 19, 1903.

† THE CZAR MARTYR NICHOLAS II  
IS SHOWN IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH AS THE  
LEAD BEARER OF THE SAINT'S RELICS.  
SAINT SERAPHIM BESTOWED MANY MIRACLES UPON THE  
FAITHFUL WHO FLOCKED IN DROVES TO HIS  
GLORIFICATION.

† THE FERVENT PRAYERS OF ONE MOTHER WERE  
ANSWERED BY THE SAINT WHEN HER LITTLE BOY, WHO  
WAS BORN DEAF AND DUMB, WAS GRANTED COMPLETE  
HEALING OF HIS SPEECH AND THE FULL RESTORATION OF  
HIS HEARING IN BOTH EARS.

WONDROUS IS GOD IN HIS SAINTS  
(PS 67: 35 LXX)