

The Holy St. Seraphim Diveyevo Convent





Hello, dear guests of St Seraphim! Nice to meet you! We welcome you to Diveyevo on an excursion party.

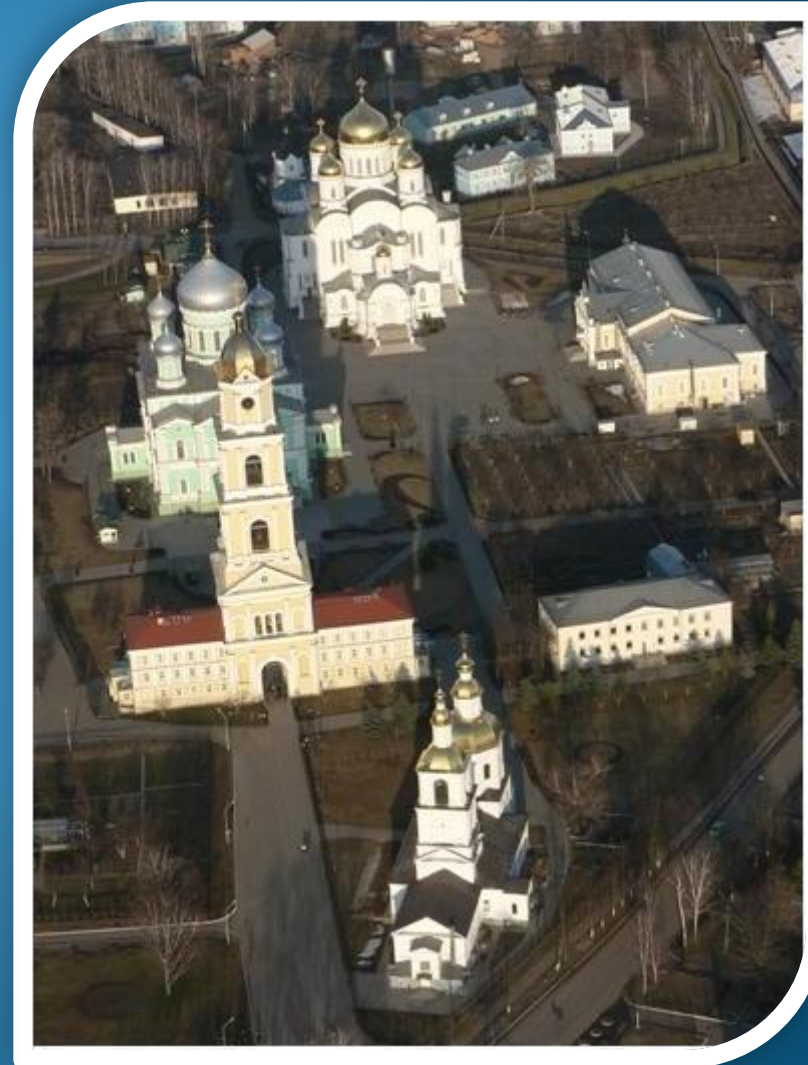


My name is Svetlana and these are my assistants Valentina and Margarita.

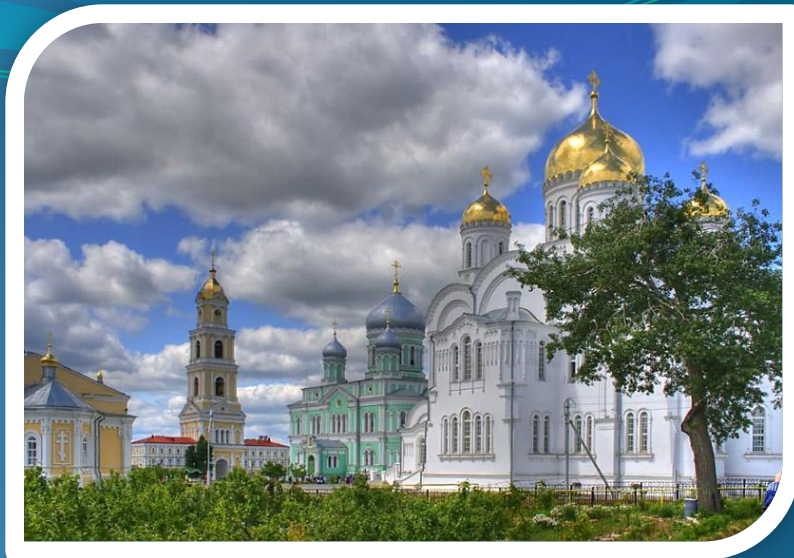


We are your guides today and we are going to tell you about the Holy Trinity St. Seraphim Diveyevo Convent. Stay with us and you'll learn a lot of interesting things.

The village of Diveyevo is famous for its Holy Trinity St. Seraphim Diveyevo Convent. This is a great Holy Land. The most Holy Mother of God has chosen Diveyevo to be Her favourite place and this sacred Land of Russia is especially protected by Her.



This is the fourth and the Last Dower of the Queen of Heaven on the Earth. She promised to gather here mercy and grace of the Lord from all Her previous Dowers: Iberia-Georgia, Mount Athos-Greese, Holy Lavra of the Caves-Kiev.



Diveyevo

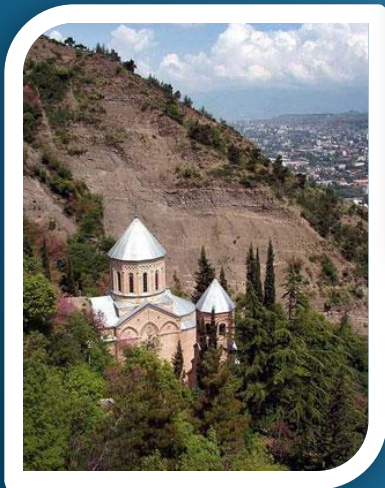
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Holy Lavra of the Caves-Kiev

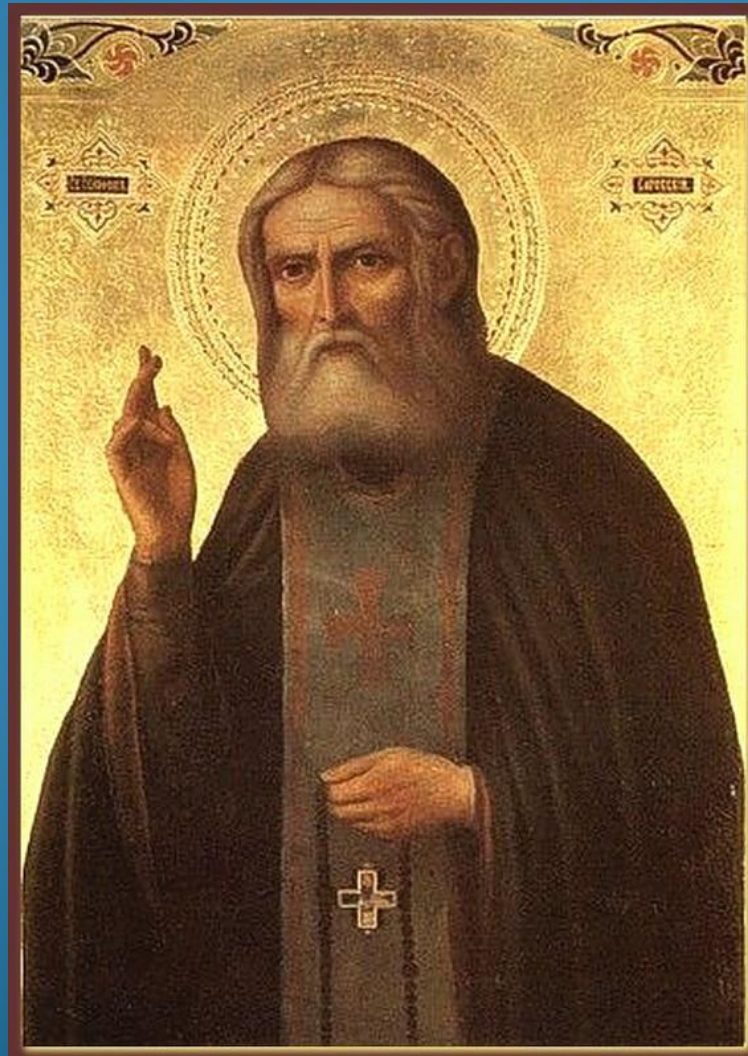


Mount Athos-Greese



Iberia-Georgia

The greatest Russian Saint of the recent times Seraphim the wonderworker of Sarov predicted that the Convent would become the space of worldwide repentance.



The history of the Holy Trinity St. Seraphim Diveyevo Convent began in 1760 when the Mother of God appeared to nun Alexandra at the village of Diveyevo and promised to base a great and unrivalled Convent here. On that very spot where the Mother of God appeared, nun Alexandra has built Church dedicated to the Icon of Kazan Mother of God. It was built between 1773-1780.



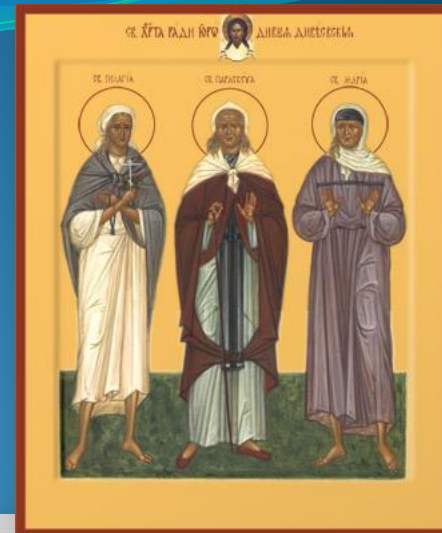
nun Alexandra



Kazan Church



Inside of this Church you can see The Holy Relics of Blessed Women or Fools for Christ: Pelagia, Paraskeva and Maria, as well as Matrona - the confessor, who lived a life of asceticism and continuous prayer. Later on two Nativity Churches were adjoined to Kazan Church. They were: Church of Nativity of Christ, consecrated in 1829, and Church of Nativity



Fools for Christ Pelagia, Paraskeva and Maria



St. Matrona



The Holy Relics

Kazan Church

of the Mother of God, consecrated in 1830.



To the left you can see the former Mother Superior's office with Church of St. Mary Magdalene inside.

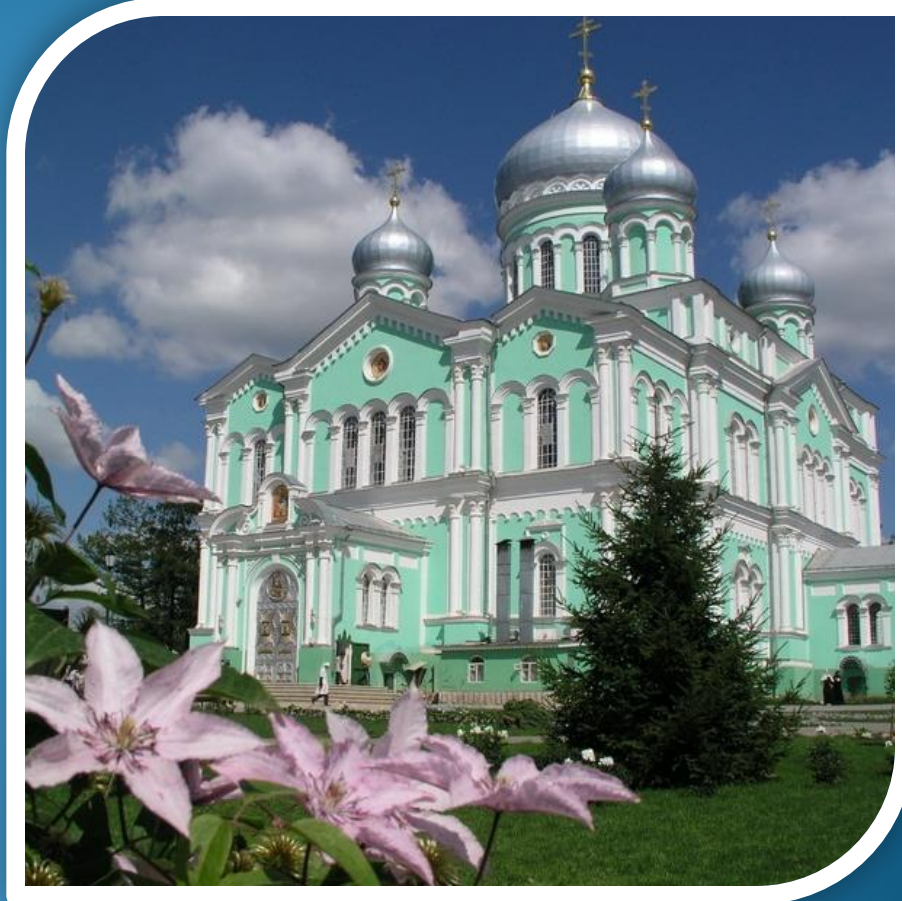
Tzar family had a stop for rest there on their way to the monastery of Sarov on the occasion of Father Seraphim's canonization in 1903.





At the end of the 19th century the Convent's Bell Tower was built. You can see it just in front of you. It is more than 70 metres height. The bell weighs 5 tones and rings daily.

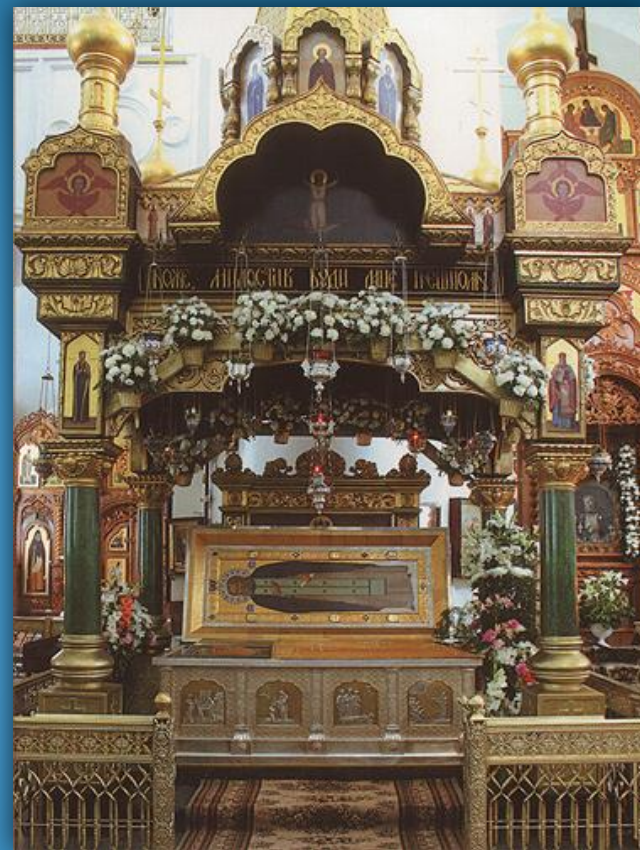
In the middle of the Convent there is magnificent Holy Trinity Cathedral. Five domes crown it. They symbolize Lord Jesus Christ and four Evangelists. It was built between 1865-1875 by the project of architect A. Rezanov. Cathedral occupies an area of 1000 square metres and can receive about 5000 pilgrims. There are 5 Altars in this Cathedral. The main one is in honour of the Holy Trinity. On the wall behind the Holy Table there is Calvary.



The right-side Altar is dedicated to the Mother of God «Virgin of Tenderness». The left-side Altar is dedicated to Saint Seraphim.



The Holy Relics of St Seraphim are resting in God inside this Cathedral.



Father Seraphim used to say: «When I am no longer with you, come to my tomb often, bring all your worries, all your troubles, tell me everything that is grieving you, talk to me as a living person. I will listen to you and your sorrow will disappear». Behind the shrine with the Holy Relics there is a valuable collection of St. Seraphim's personal belongings: a piece of stone on which he prayed, a cross with fetters, his pick-axe, his mantle and klobuk etc.



Now we are at Cathedral dedicated to Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was built between 1907-1916. The project of this Cathedral belongs to the famous architect A. Antonov. We'd better stop aside and have a look at the beauty of this marvellous Cathedral. The splendor and magnificence of Cathedral reflect the fact that it is Heavenly Kingdom on the Earth.

Inside you will see the Holy Relics of schimanun Alexandra, schimanun Martha and nun Helen, who had the ascetic way of life for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are a lot of Icons there for example: Virgin Mary, Christ the Saviour, Icons of the Saints and many others.

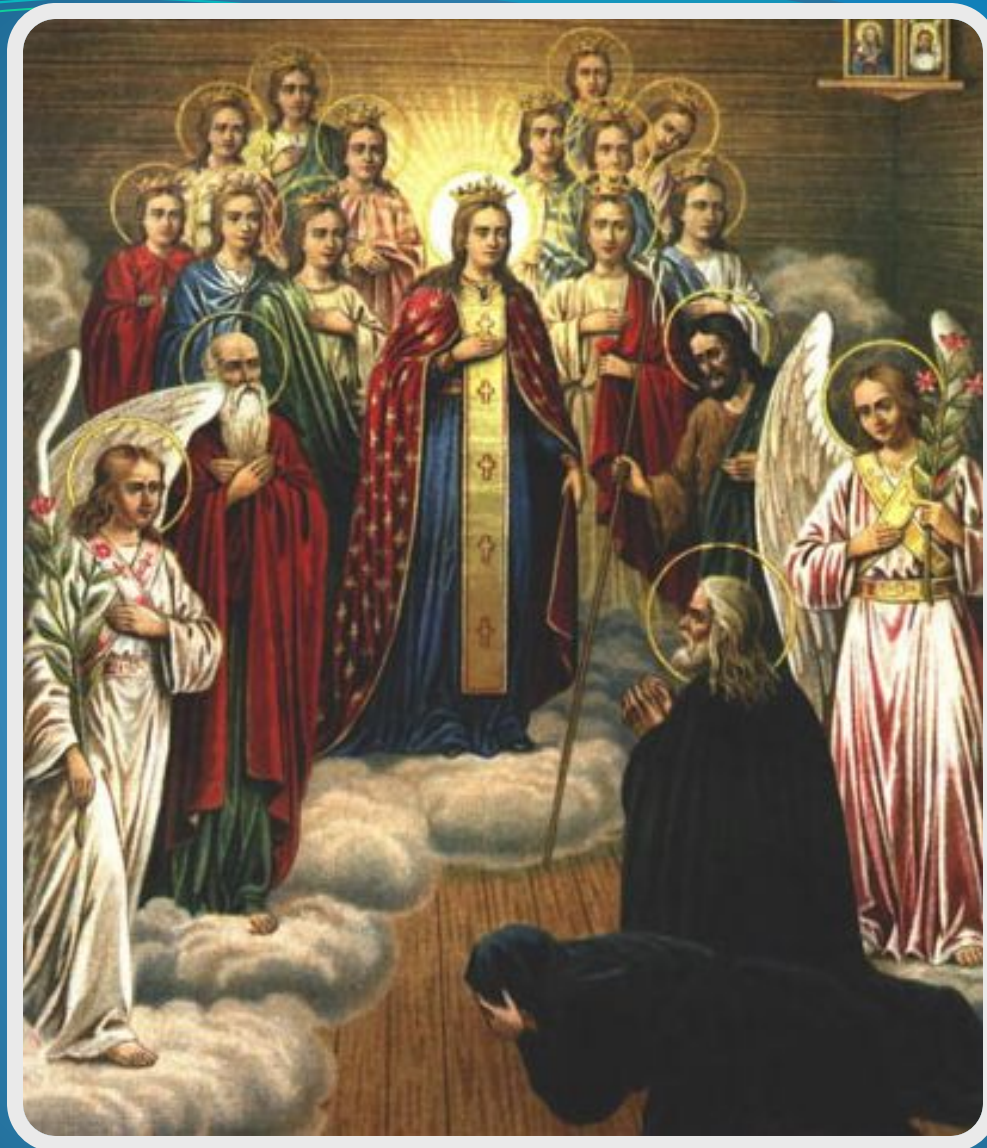


On the right hand side there is a refectory with Church of St. Alexander Nevsky - the defender of our Fatherland.



And now we are coming to the heart of the Convent-that is the Holy Ditch of the Mother of God





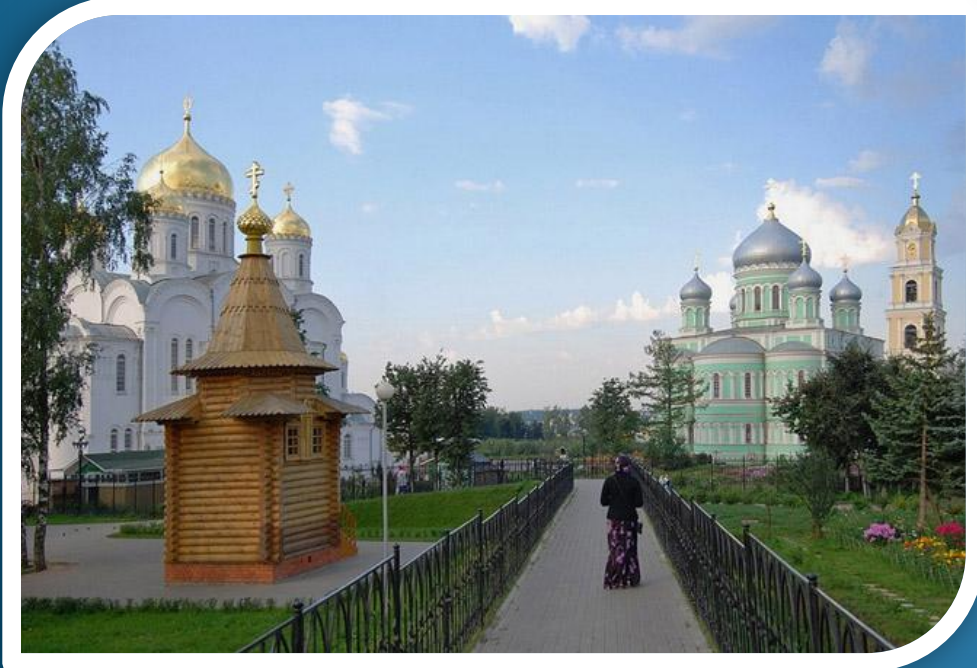
In 1825 the Most Holy Mother of God appeared to Father Seraphim in the forest of Sarov and asked him to organize the Community in which just virgins had to live, work and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.



In 1829 Father Seraphim blessed nuns to dig the Holy Ditch which would surround the elected area of the Holy Virgin. The Holy Ditch is 2 metres wide, 2 metres deep and about 800 metres long.



Father Seraphim used to say: "One who walks around the Holy Ditch praying" Rejoice, O Mother of God and Maiden Mary... 150 times, for him this spot will be like Athos, Jerusalem and Kiev."



By His saying the Earth of the Holy Ditch is much more expensive than gold because it heals and because the Most Holy Mother of God walked around this Holy area.



In 2003 Russian Orthodox Church solemnly celebrated a centenary of canonization of St. Seraphim.

Next year the 250th anniversary of His birth was celebrated.

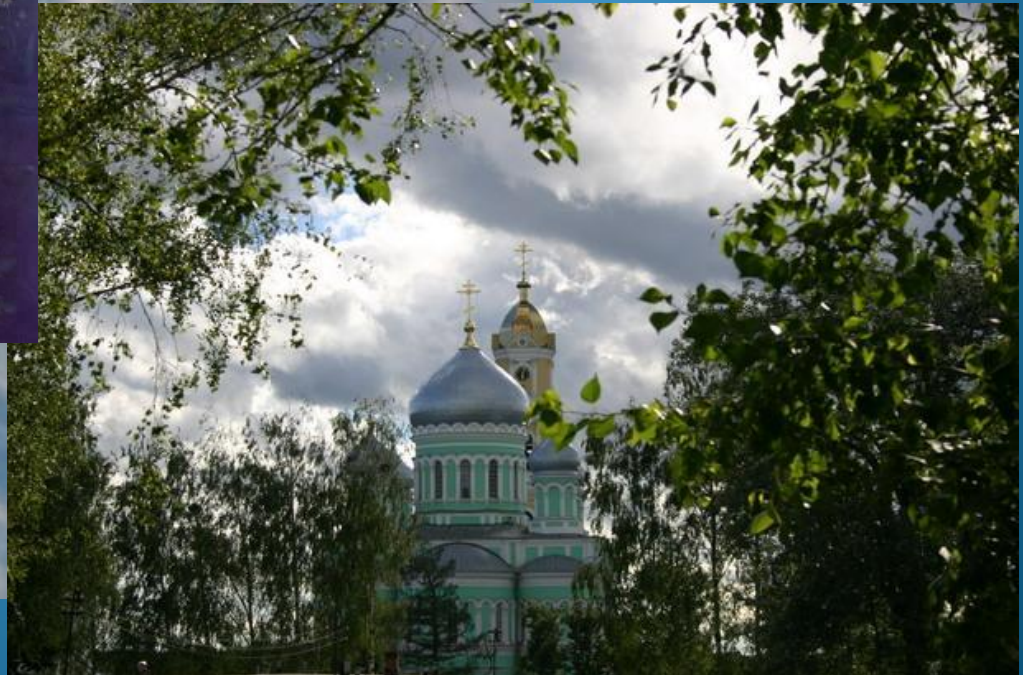
The cathedral square was filled with great crowds of people from Russia and abroad as well.

Now, as before Diveyevo is a centre of pilgrimage. It is close to heart of every Orthodox Christian.

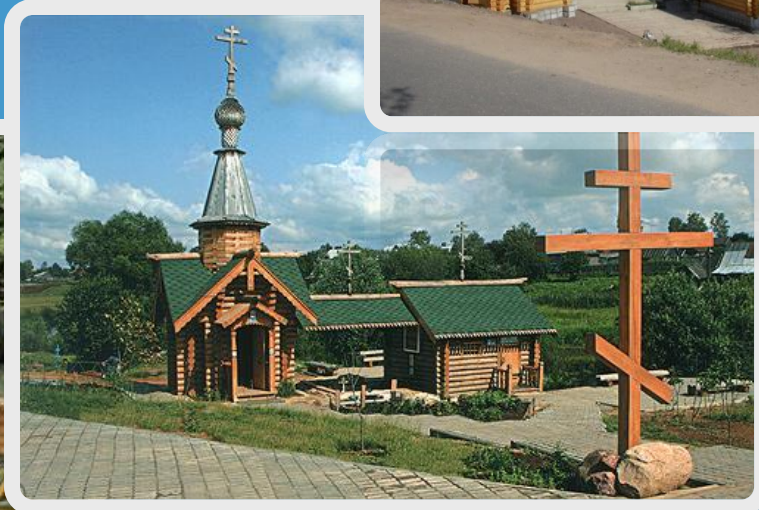
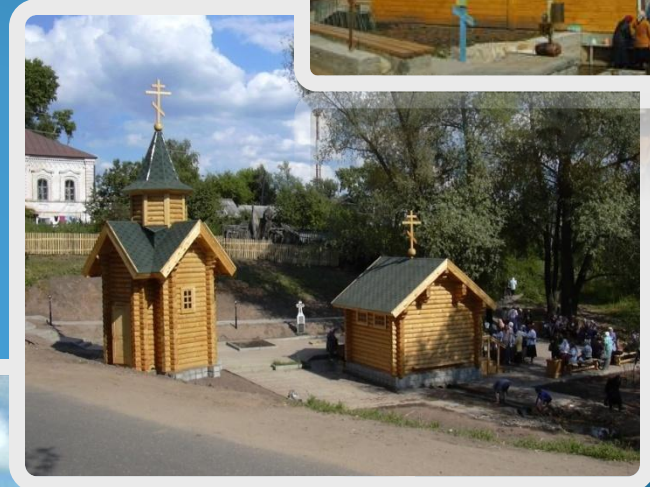




The Holy Trinity St. Seraphim Diveyevo Convent is becoming a turning point in the spiritual life of Russia and all over the world. The prophecy of St. Seraphim has become true.



There are a lot of Holy Springs around Diveyevo. Their water is unique, amazing and healing.



Our excursion party is over. We hope very much that
you have enjoyed it.

See you later.
Bye.

