

## Geneva's Elevation of the Cross Cathedral Hosts a Winter Children's Camp



With the blessing of His Grace Bishop Irenei of London and Western Europe of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, the annual winter camp for children and adolescents began, hosted by the Elevation of the Holy Cross Cathedral in Geneva, Switzerland. Over 40 kids headed by the director of the parish school, Protopriest Emilian Pocinoc, arrived at the parish house in Leisin, Vaud Canton, on December 27, 2019.

The traditional winter retreat, which includes skiing, skating and sledding, ascending the Alps and visiting local attractions, is combined with spiritual ministry. Each day begins with prayers at St Panteleimon Church, and clergymen lead spiritual discussions and current events in a relaxed atmosphere in which the children spend time with a priest.

On Sunday, December 29, the Vityaz' Scouts from their own nearby winter camp in France came for Divine Liturgy. The service, headed by Fr Emilian, was adorned by the beautiful singing of the choir consisting of young Genevans, most of whom made confession and partook of the Holy Gifts. The young people from all over the region then continued their friendly interaction at a common luncheon.

The camp continued until January 3, 2020.

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