Construction of Church Draws Residents of Heviz to Orthodoxy



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The construction of a Russian church dedicated to the Life-Giving Spring Icon of the Mother of God in Heviz, Hungary, attracted interest in the Orthodox faith among local residents. In response, the parish began to acquaint the residents with the basics of the Orthodox faith, reports the parish website.

The parish website has educational materials about Orthodoxy in Hungarian. In addition, people can take an online course in Orthodoxy on the website.

In addition to theoretical training, people are invited to divine services, where they can gain practical skills in prayer, and after the service, ask questions to the head of the Hungarian department of the parish school, Deacon Stefan Vaino-Eliasz, who has a theological education and extensive liturgical practice.

For young Hungarian parishioners, the parish offers a prayer book in their native language, prepared and published for children in 2009. In addition to explaining the

basics of Orthodoxy and the rules of behavior in a church, the brochure contains prayers for different occasions, festive troparia, icons, and a list of twelve feast days according to the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

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