

Four myrrh-streaming icons in Philippines church



A miracle occurred in the Philippines earlier this month, as testified to by the local hierarch.

On November 13, parishioners of the Church of St. Seraphim of Sarov in Arakan on the island of Mindanao noticed something strange on several icons after the evening service.

As the [Diocese of the Philippines and Vietnam](#) reports, the parishioners found drops similar to oil on icons of Christ, the Theotokos, St. Joasaph of Belgorod, and St. Tatiana.

At first they thought the drops were just water and wiped them off, but when the drops appeared again the next morning, the parishioners realized something wonderful was happening, although they knew nothing about the phenomenon of myrrh-streaming icons.

Fr. Moses and Dcn. Nicholas inspected the icons and concluded that the drops were not put there by anyone. They carefully collected the myrrh and reported the

incident to His Eminence Metropolitan Paul of Manila and Hanoi, who studied the phenomenon and concluded it was a miracle of God: “The Lord testifies that He is with us.”

The Church of St. Seraphim of Sarov is the first Russian Orthodox church to be consecrated in the Philippines. Met. Paul celebrated the rite of consecration on February 22 this year, followed by the first Divine Liturgy on the newly-consecrated altar. The aforementioned Dcn. Nicholas was also ordained at that service.

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