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## **ORTHODOX CROSS ERECTED ON FUTURE SITE OF CARIBBEAN ISLAND'S FIRST ORTHODOX CHURCH**



A three-barred Orthodox cross has been erected and blessed on Dominica, marking the future site of the Caribbean island nation's first Orthodox church.

The cross was blessed by Hieromonk Ambrose (Sitalo), who is based in Grenada but also serves throughout the Caribbean.

Fr. George Maximov, a missionary priest based in Moscow, reports:

An Orthodox cross was installed and blessed on Dominica! On ground donated by the local convert Gabriel. It is intended that the nation's first Orthodox church will eventually be built there. The cross was installed thanks to the efforts of the servant of God Igor, with financial support from believers from Russia. The cross

was blessed on the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross by Hieromonk Ambrose (Sitalo), who serves the Orthodox mission in this island state.

In November, OrthoChristian published an interview with Fr. Ambrose about his missionary labors in Dominica and elsewhere, where many of the people live in great poverty.



At that time, Fr. Ambrose told OrthoChristian:

And as people are baptized and as the mission grows, so will our needs, of course. I would be very grateful to anyone who can help support the mission, including my traveling from island to island, and they can help the poor parishioners. Trinidad is a richer island, and the people there help, but then there is Dominica, where the people need help just getting food and making ends meet.

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