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We hereby give our blessing to the formal establishment of a new missionary community on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales in honour of Righteous Symeon, Wonderworker of Verkhoturye.

The purpose of the mission is to make available Orthodox Christian prayers, sacraments, and teaching on the Mid North Coast; to acquire the material resources and local experience to effectively support this activity; and, in time, to establish a parish in the region. The territory of the mission will encompass the coastal area from Forster-Tuncurry to Woolgoolga.

Archpriest James Carles is appointed Rector of the missionary community of Saint Symeon of Verkhoturye, while maintaining his previous duties as Rector of the parishes of Saint Panteleimon, Gosford, and Saint Nicholas, Wallsend (Newcastle).

Father James is to be assisted in his work by a committee comprised of Ekaterina Cotten (Secretary), Tatiana Tobin (Treasurer), and Evgenia Biryukova. The committee is authorised to open a bank account and to undertake all other work necessary for the good administration and the strengthening of the mission.

We invoke God's blessing on the members of this new missionary community.



**+Bishop George of Sydney, Australia and New Zealand
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia**