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National Day for the Victims of Communism

Today, the National Day for the Victims of Communism, marks 100 years since the Bolshevik Revolution took place in Russia. The Bolshevik Revolution gave rise to the Soviet Union and its dark decades of oppressive communism, a political philosophy incompatible with liberty, prosperity, and the dignity of human life.

Over the past century, communist totalitarian regimes around the world have killed more than 100 million people and subjected countless more to exploitation, violence, and untold devastation. These movements, under the false pretense of liberation, systematically robbed innocent people of their God-given rights of free worship, freedom of association, and countless other rights we hold sacrosanct. Citizens yearning for freedom were subjugated by the state through the use of coercion, violence, and fear.

Today, we remember those who have died and all who continue to suffer under communism. In their memory and in honor of the indomitable spirit of those who have fought courageously to spread freedom and opportunity around the world, our Nation reaffirms its steadfast resolve to shine the light of liberty for all who yearn for a brighter, freer future. (The White House Office of the Press Secretary For Immediate Release November 07, 2017)

Isn't it amazing that during a year of anniversaries a secular government remembers the tragedy of the horrors of what Russia has spawned. At Fatima the Blessed Mother warned us that if her requests were not granted Russia would spread her errors throughout the world. Consequently, how do people of faith live under such circumstances? St. Paul in his letter to Ephesians, chapter 5 v.1 – 20, addressed this problem.

1. Be ye therefore followers of God, as most dear children;
2. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath delivered himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odor of sweetness.
3. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints:
4. Or obscenity, or foolish talking, or scurrility, which is to no purpose; but rather giving of thanks.
5. For know you this and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean, or covetous person (which is a serving of idols), hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
6. Let no man deceive you with vain words. For because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief.
7. Be ye not therefore partakers with them.
8. For you were heretofore darkness, but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light:
9. For the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth:
10. Approving what is well pleasing to God:
11. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
12. For the things that are done by them in secret, it is a shame even to speak of.
13. But all things are reprov'd, are made manifest by the light; for all that is made manifest is light.
14. Wherefore he saith: *Rise thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead: and Christ shall enlighten thee.*
15. See therefore, brethren, how you walk circumspectly: not as unwise,
16. But as wise: redeeming the time, **because the days are evil.**
17. Wherefore become not unwise, but understand what is the will of God.
18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is luxury; but be ye filled with the holy Spirit,
19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord;
20. Giving thanks always for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God the Father.

It is obvious from current events and St Paul's letter to the Ephesians that our Lady's message has not been heeded. Quoting our Lady at Fatima again, "If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed."

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