

Holy transfiguration monastery of the free russian orthodox church outside or Russia in Canada



Mgr. Vitaly Oustinow, Archbishop of Montreal and Canada of the Free Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia Bought in 1960, 160 acres of land with an old farmhouse from J. A. Barnett. This property is now the Holy Transfiguration Monastery.

From 1970 to 1972, three more houses have been constructed adjacent to the original farmhouse so as to provide more accomodations for the monks of the Monastery who dwell there.

In 1974, Mgr. Vitaly Oustinow blessed the foundation upon which the Holy Transfiguration Church was built. By 1980, the exterior construction of the Church was completed and a major part of the interior decorations were finished. The Church is decorated inside with beautiful icons, most of which are masterpieces of the iconographic art. A few of the icons were prepared by the late Nicholas Schelechoff, world reknown iconographer.

All the construction work and interior decorations have been entirely accomplished by benevolent parishioners of the St-Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Montreal. The Monasterys only expense was the construction material.

The architecture of the Church, is similar to the wooden churches found in Northern Russia among the pine woods, hills and rivers, and harmonizes well the environment of that part of the Southern Quebec province.

