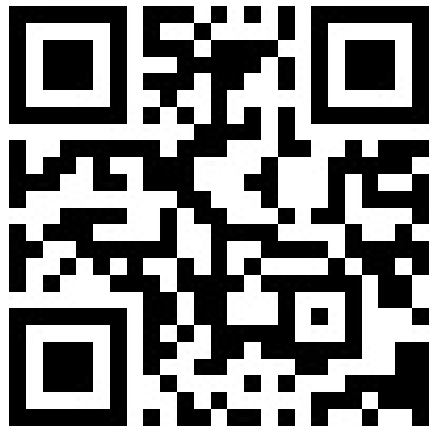


**Aleksey Timofeyevich Kozorezov**  
**July 18, 1931 – August 21, 2024**

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**"Remember your leaders, who have spoken  
unto you the word of God: whose faith follow,  
considering the end of their conversation."**

**Hebrews 13:7 (KJV)**

On August 21, 2024, Aleksey Timofeyevich Kozorezov, a faithful servant of the Church of Christ, completed his earthly journey.

Aleksey was born in 1931 in the Bryansk region of Russia. He was the second youngest of seven children in his family. His childhood was marked by the harsh, hungry 1930s and the difficult wartime and postwar years of the 1940s. From the age of one, he experienced hunger and hardship, but alongside these challenges, he learned that the true value in life is to rely on God. The main activities in his family were prayer, Bible study, and singing Christian hymns. Every evening, their mother gathered all her children around the table, and often, instead of bread, there would be a Bible and a handwritten hymnbook on the table.

As Aleksey grew older, his faith in the truth of God's Word strengthened. At a young age, Aleksey was baptized and began his ministry in the church as a preacher, choir singer, and later as a choir director.

In 1957, Aleksey Timofeyevich married Alexandra Andriyenko and moved from the Bryansk region to the city of Omsk. They became the parents of eleven children.

During the 1960s, persecution against believers intensified, but Aleksey remained a faithful follower of Christ's commandments. Because of this, he and his family faced repression. He was arrested several times and, between 1966 and 1985, spent twelve and a half years in prison, suffering for preaching the Gospel.

His wife, Alexandra, supported him in his ministry and, along with their children, helped him endure the years of imprisonment. Despite the severe trials, his main goal was to please the Lord, not people. He taught his children the same principle.

In 1975, the family moved to the city of Lugansk. Aleksey Timofeyevich was chosen for pastoral ministry at a young age, but ordination could not take place due to his arrests. It was only at the end of the 1970s, in Lugansk, when the government was dispersing all Christian gatherings, that his clandestine ordination was performed in the presence of some ministers and members of the local church.

In 1991, Aleksey Timofeyevich emigrated from the USSR to Seattle, USA, with his wife, children, and grandchildren. From almost the first days of arriving in Seattle and for the next ten years, he served as a pastor in the immigrant Slavic Baptist Christian church.

In 2006, after 48 happy and challenging years together, his faithful companion-wife, Shurochka, passed away. He spent five years as a widower. In 2011, the Lord sent him a new life partner with whom he lived until his passing.

Until the age of 87, he was a member of the Committee of the Pacific Association of Slavic Churches and actively participated in all church affairs. In addition, he continued to work.

Three months before his 88th birthday, he suffered a stroke and spent the last five and a half years bedridden, paralyzed on his left side.

We thank the Lord that throughout his illness, he remained in sound mind, had a clear memory, could quote Scripture, tirelessly prayed for everyone who came to him, and offered words of guidance and blessings. With a constant desire to know the Lord more deeply, he tried to memorize new passages from the Bible.

He was very inquisitive, and until his last days, he dreamed of returning to work, but at the same time, he prayed with trust: "Lord, lead me as You will."

Aleksey Timofeyevich left behind a large and blessed legacy of 136 people. This includes his wife, Alina Kuzminichna, 9 children, 10 sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, 37 grandchildren (20 of whom are married), 56 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. (Two of his children and four of his grandchildren passed away before him.)

Aleksey Timofeyevich was the patriarch of a large Christian family, a man of deep faith, a fighter for God's truth, a faithful, steadfast servant, a talented preacher, pastor, and patriarch.

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