

## A round table in Moscow

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Saturday, November 30, 2002 a round table on the Holy Shroud has taken place in Moscow, organized by Sister Tamara, of the Community of the Beatitudes, and by Father Pierre Dumoulin, vice rector of the Seminar of S. Petersburg.



Such an event happened in the church of S. Louis of France, one of the only two Catholic churches of the Russian capital, on the occasion of the inauguration of the itinerant exhibition of a full size copy of the Shroud and of other Shroud material, composed by the frontal and dorsal parts in the negative of the figure of the Man, full size too, by a great bright face and by 20 explanatory panels, that the French association "Fraternity of the Holy Face" has given to the aforesaid Community for Russia. All this material will also be exhibited in various other cities of Russia.

By chance, that day was the festivity of S. Andrew, patron of Russia and apostle of the East and the West, and just this year the Holy Father John Paul II had asked to the Metropolitan that in this country such a festivity could be solemnized and lived in communion with the orthodox brothers.

The presence of the archbishop of Moscow, S. E. Mons. Tadeus Kondrusiewicz, has dignified the day. After his intervention of greeting and a welcome by the parish priest, Father Bernard Leleanec, a number of orators spoke on various matters.

The Russian physicist Alexander Belyakov has spoken on the Shroud and the Icons, then Prof. Mariano Sedano of the seminar of St. Petersburg has examined the Shroud history in the centuries.

After a brief interruption for a snack, Aldo Guerreschi has described the Sheet in details through the photography and the three-dimensionality, as well as the results of some scientific researches.

Beatrice Guespereau, president of the association "Montre-Nous Ton Visage", has spoken on the "Word that became Flesh" and on the Sheet as the meeting with a Man.

Father Pierre Dumoulin has examined the Passion according to the Gospel of John, seen through the Holy Shroud.



A large public, both Catholic and Orthodox, has followed every intervention with attention, also asking quite a lot of questions.



At the end of the day, H.E. the archbishop Tadeus Kondrusiewicz has celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass for the good result of the event.