

Relics of Saint Stolen

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Three ancient icons, one of which contained relics of Russia's most venerated saint, have been stolen from the St. Trinity church in the Moscow region town of Mytishchi, just north of the capital, news reports said.

Clerics discovered the theft after the Saturday service, RIA-Novosti reported Sunday, adding that one of the icons contained fragments of relics of St. Sergius of Radonezh. The 14th-century Orthodox monk helped consolidate the Russian church in the time of Mongol rule and was later canonized as Moscow's patron saint.

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