

Exhibition for Murdered Dissident Priest Opens in Moscow

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An exhibition has opened in Moscow in honor of an outspoken Russian Orthodox priest who was stabbed to death in Pskov last year.

The exhibition, titled "The Witness," has been set up in a room at the Memorial human rights group's Moscow office.

"This is the only full exhibition on the life and activities of Father Pavel Adelgeim," Darya Makeyeva, spokeswoman for the Transfiguration charity foundation that helped to organize the event, was cited as saying by RIA Novosti. "The exhibition will feature his work, video materials, books and personal belongings, as well as documents and photographs presented by his wife, Vera, and people who personally knew Pavel. We tried to fully cover all of his activities in the church and in society."

Adelgeim was killed last August by a man later determined to be mentally unstable.

The priest was well-known in his community for going against the church's hierarchy,

earning him the label of "dissident priest." Back in the Soviet era, he served three years in a Siberian prison camp for criticizing the communist authorities.

More recently, Adelgeim had accused church leaders of getting too close to the security services and members of the Russian government. He also criticized the authorities for imprisoning members of feminist protest group Pussy Riot who staged a "punk prayer" performance in Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral in 2012.

The exhibition runs through Oct. 30.

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