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The Orthodox Christian faith and Russian culture places a great degree of importance on the ongoing preservation of the remains of our deceased loved ones.

For the Orthodox Christian there is no choice: according to the Holy Canons of the Church, the body of a deceased Christian must be returned to the earth. Cremation is specifically forbidden. The body is placed in a casket and set in a grave. It is necessary to have a cemetery plot, a grave liner or vault (if required by law), and a marker or monument with the image of the Cross.

The Russian community understands the scarcity of land in Cemeteries however we request the local government to secure pockets of land for our future requirements.

Russian Orthodox Church Cemetery Committee