

# 134 years ago: A cathedral was founded on the place of the Emperor's murder in St. Petersburg

## *Alexander II was killed by a terrorist bomb*

Alexander II was known as the "[Tsar liberator](#)," having banished serfdom from Russia. Although Alexander was the only emperor in Russia's history to outlive 5 attempted murders, the 6th one ended in his death.

A member of the revolutionary organization Narodnaya Volya (The People's Will) threw a bomb under the Tsar's feet on March 1, 1881. Alexander passed away hours later, having planned to sign a new constitutional reform that very day.



## **Jacques Schoonjans, Publisher & Editor in Chief with in the background the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood**

Two years later, on Oct. 18 1883, Alexander II's son and the successor as Russian Emperor, Alexander III (father of Nicholas II), ordered the cathedral ([Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood](#)) to be erected around the first stone laid at the place where the terrorist attack happened – on the Yekaterininsky channel (now Griboyedov channel), not far from

the Nevsky Prospect.

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