

**From private to public:
the personal library of composer
Arvo Pärt at the Arvo Pärt Centre**

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Institution

- Established 2010
- Laulasmaa, Estonia
- Private foundation
 - The Pärt family
 - Estonian government
- New building in 2018
- Manyfold activities
 - personal archive
 - library
 - concerts and lectures
 - educational programmes
 - publishing



Composer's library

- Mostly from 1980 onwards
- Estonian, Russian, German
- Main topics in the library:
 - Art
 - Visual arts
 - Music
 - Religion
 - Bibles
 - Liturgical books
 - Patristics
 - St Silouan and St Sophrony



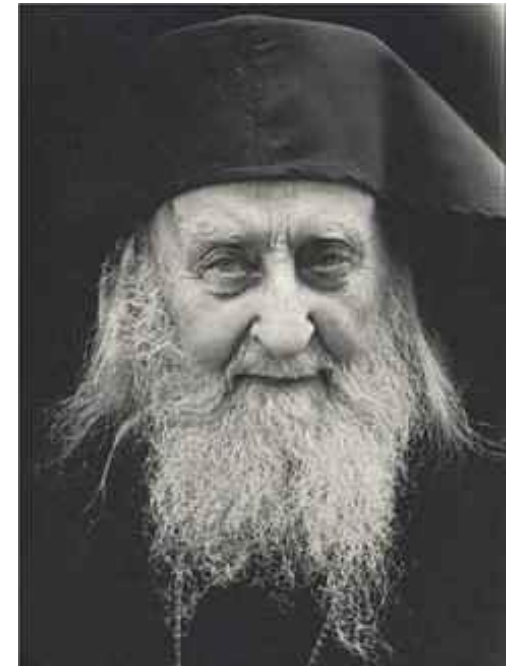
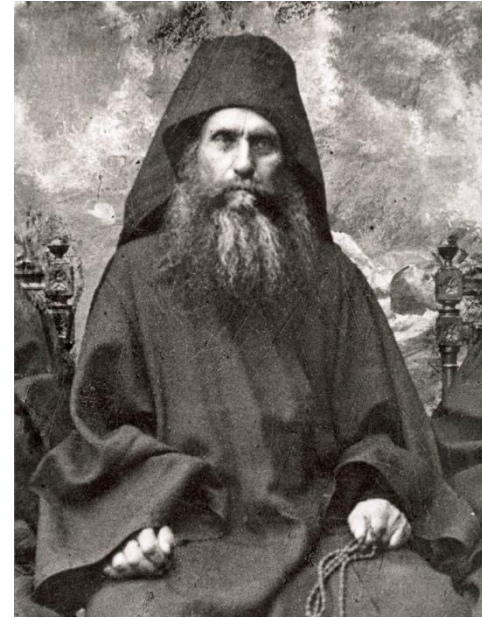
Religion

- Bible translations
- Orthodox liturgical books
- Church Fathers
 - Cappadocian Fathers 4th c.
 - Syriac Fathers 4th–7th c.
 - Barsanuphius and John 6th c.
 - *The Ladder* 7th c.
 - *Philokalia* 4th–15th c.
- Russian Fathers
 - Ignatius Bryanchaninov 19th c.
 - Theophan the Recluse 19th c.



Religion

- St Silouan the Athonite
 - 1866–1937
 - Russia, Greece
 - “Keep thy mind in hell and despair not”
 - Adam’s Lament, Silouan’s Song
- St Sophrony the Athonite
 - 1896–1993
 - Russia, Greece, France, UK
 - Monastery in Essex
 - Personal contact and friendship



Library and archive

Vision

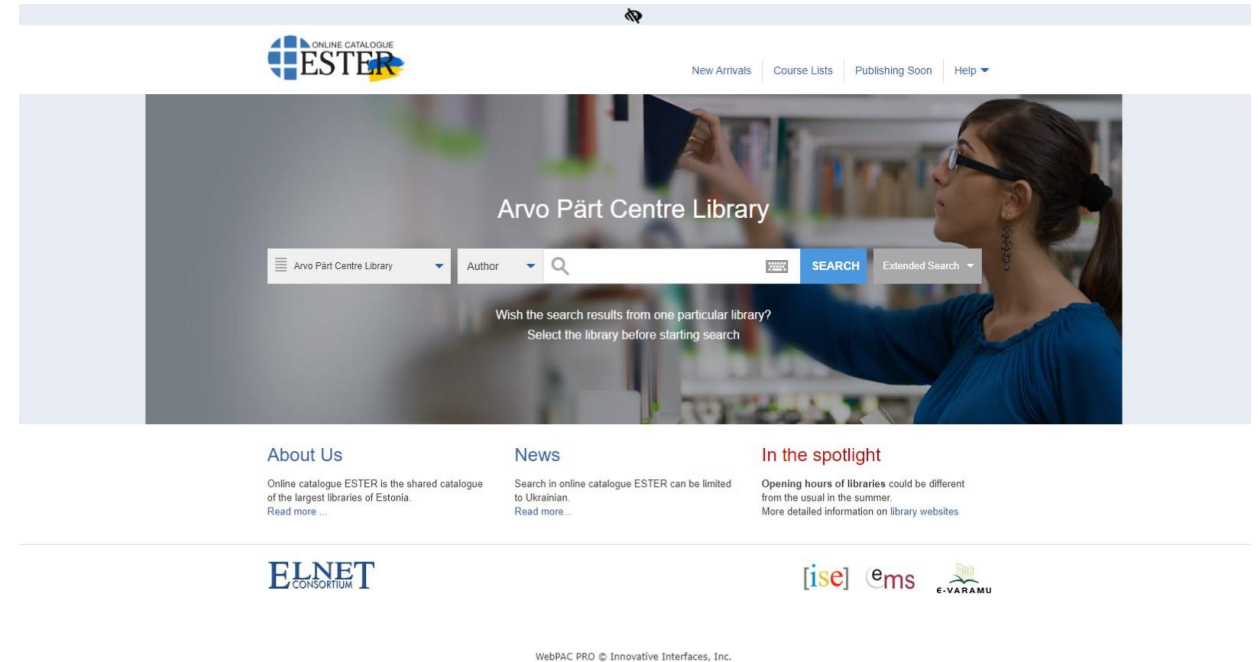
- Library – part of the archive?
- Vision for the library in 2016
- Established in 2017
- Union catalogue ESTER
 - Through the National Library
 - Good findability
 - All major research libraries
 - Two largest public libraries
 - Several specialised libraries

Collaboration

- Books with archive value
- Accompanying letters
- Sound recordings
- Archive access

Library statistics

- Total items – 5,100
 - Books – 3,800
 - Sheet music – 730
 - Periodicals – 410
 - Audio-video material – 140
- CDs from the archive – 350
(total number over 800)



UDC in the library

- 0 – science, culture, organisations
- 1 – philosophy, ethics
- 159 – psychology
- 21 – religion, philosophy of religion
- 22 – Bible
- 23 – dogmatics
- 235 – saints, angels
- 24 – practical theology
- 246/247 – Christian art, icons
- 248 – ascetic theology, mysticism
- 25 – pastoral theology, homiletics
- 26 – ecclesiology, church and society
- 264/265 – liturgics
- 271 – monasticism, monasteries
- **271ESX – Essex monastery**



UDC in the library

- 276 – patristics
- 28 – church history
- **28E – Estonian church history**
- 29 – other religions
- 3 – social sciences and law
- 5 – mathematics and sciences
- 6 – medicine, engineering, etc
- 71/72 – planning and architecture
- 73/76 – visual arts
- 77 – photography
- 78 – music, music theory
- 78.07 – music biographies
- **78.07PÄRT – Arvo Pärt, his music**
- 782/789 – genres of music
- 79 – theatre, film, sports
- 81 – languages, dictionaries
- **821E – Estonian literature**
- **821V – foreign literature**
- 9 – history, geography, travel guides
- **78N – sheet music**
- **78N Pärt – Arvo Pärt's compositions**
- **CD – foreign music CDs**
- **CD EST – Estonian music CDs**
- **5-3 – recordings of Pärt's music**
 - call numbers from archive registration

Library operations

- Open to everyone
 - Wed-Sun 12–17 / 12–18
- Not lending out books
 - Limited ILL to other libraries
- Open shelves system
 - Very little closed storage space
- One full-time librarian
 - Part-time assistant



**Thank you
for your time and attention!**

Questions? Comments?