

**ARCHITECTS OF THE CLERICAL
DEPARTMENT, TYPES OF POSTS.
ARCHITECTS OF ST.PETERSBURG EPARCHY**

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The article is devoted to one of the most significant aspects in the history of Russian architecture in the late 19th - early 20th century, that is the appearance of a post of an eparchial architect. This fact has been scantily known until the present time. Officially the first architects of the clerical department appeared in Western provinces in compliance with the Emperor's order of March, 6, 1844 which approved the actual state of the old-established situation. Later the post of an eparchial architect became more common and in the second half of the 19th century an identical post appeared in most of the eparchies.