

## **COVID-19 coronavirus**

**Everything passes and this will pass.**

**Our country**

**has gone through many serious challenges.  
When tormented by the Pechenegs and the  
Polovtsians Russia has handled them all.  
We will defeat this coronavirus contagion.**

**Vladimir Putin,**

**exhorting fellow Russians to overcome  
the latest scourge to afflict their lands**

**[Because most Russians know as much about  
Pechenegs and Polovtsians as most Americans  
know about the Great Disappointment of 1844,  
a meme depicting two Pechenegs went viral.  
One asks, "So, are we trending on Google yet?"  
The other responds, "No. It's the Polovtsians."]**