



## **The first ever Orthodox divine service celebrated in the church of St. Bartholomew in Granada**



On November 1, 2020, the first ever Orthodox divine service was celebrated at the church of St. Bartholomew in the city of Granada. The Catholic Archdiocese of Granada has transferred this church to the Orthodox community of the city for use after a meeting between Archbishop Nestor of Madrid and Lisbon and Archbishop Francisco Javier Martinez Fernandez of Granada, which took place on October 13.

The Community of the Protecting Veil was incorporated in the diocese of Spain and Portugal of the Russian Orthodox Church in 2018.

The San-Bartolome church is located in the square of the same name in the Albaicín district in the center of the city. The church, the construction of which was completed in 1574, is built in the synthetic

architectural Mudejar style traditional for Spain in the 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> centuries as it shows in particular the characteristics of gothics, plateresco and classicism.

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