Archimandrite Symeon (Cossec) consecrated as Bishop of Domodedovo, vicar of the Archdiocese of Western European Parishes of Russian Tradition



On June 27, 2020, Metropolitan John of Dubna, head of the Archdiocese of Western European Parishes of Russian Tradition, celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Alexander Nevsky in Paris. Concelebrating with him were Metropolitan Antony of Chersonesus and Western Europe, Patriarchal Exarch for Western Europe, Archbishop Nestor of Madrid and Lisbon, and Bishop Mark of Neamţ, Assistant Bishop to the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of Western Europe.

During the divine service Metropolitan John officiated at the consecration of Archimandrite Symeon (Cossec), father superior of the Monastery of St. Silouan in Saint-Mars-de-Locquenay, France, as Bishop of Domodedovo, vicar of the Archdiocese of Western European Parishes of Russian Tradition.

Among concelebrants of the Liturgy were also Archimandrite Elisée (Germain), elected and nominated as Bishop of Reutov; Protopresbyter Anatole Rakovitch; Protopresbyter Jean Gueit, Archpriest Eugene

Chapyuk, Priest Maxim Politov, and clergy of the Archdiocese.

The decision concerning the election of two vicar bishops for the Archdiocese was taken at its general assembly on January 24, 2020, and approved by the resolution of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church of March 11, 2020 (Minutes No. 12). The rite of nomination took place in the evening of June 26.

As the website of the diocese of Chersonesus reports, after the service Metropolitan John expressed his best wishes to Bishop Symeon of Domodedovo in his lofty ministry. The newly elected hierarch gave his first archpastoral blessing to the faithful and received congratulations.

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