Divine Liturgy celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour on the 11th anniversary of enthronement of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill



On 1st February 2020, the 11th anniversary of his enthronement, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia officiated at the Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour in Moscow. The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church was vested in his enthronement robes.

Concelebrating with His Holiness was an assembly of hierarchs and clergymen of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as representatives of the Local Orthodox Churches: Metropolitan Niphon of Philippopolis of the Orthodox Church of Antioch, Bishop Antonije of Moravica of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Archimandrite Feoktist (Dimitrov) of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Archimandrite Seraphim (Shemyatovsky) of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia, Archpriest Daniel Andrejuk of the Orthodox Church in America; and Archpriest Kakhaber Gogotishvili of the Georgian Orthodox Church.

Among those praying in the church were Archimandrite Stephan (Dispirakis), representative of the Patriarch of Jerusalem to the Patriarch of Moscow; Mr. Vladimir Legoyda, chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media and acting head of the Patriarchal Press Service; hegumenesses of convents and clerics of Moscow and the Moscow Region; staff members of the Synodal and other church bodies, representatives of parish councils, faculty and students of the church educational institutions.

During the Litany of Fervent Supplication prayers were lifted up for the unity of the Orthodox Church and for the protection of the Church from divisions and schisms. Special prayers were said for His Holiness Patriarch Kirill and the Russian Church under his guidance.

The Primate of the Russian Church lifted up the prayer for peace in Ukraine.

After the Divine Liturgy His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry read out a message of greetings from the members of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church, addressed to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill, and presented His Holiness with a mantle and a bouquet of flowers.

The Primate of the Russian Church delivered a Primatial homily and presented church awards.

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