



## Primate of Orthodox Church in America visits Donskoy Monastery in Moscow



On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, visited the Donskoy Stavropegic Monastery in Moscow.

The delegation led by His Beatitude included Archbishop David of Sitka and Alaska; Archimandrite Andrei (Hoarște), bishop-elect of Cleveland, auxiliary to the archbishop of the OCA Romanian Episcopate; Archpriest Alexander Rentel, chancellor of the OCA; Archpriest Daniel Andrejuk, rector of the OCA Representation in Moscow; Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak, secretary to the OCA Primate; and Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak, first rector of the OCA Representation in Moscow.

The delegation was accompanied by Bishop Kliment of Krasnoslobodsk and Temnikov and Mr. Dmitry Petrovsky, staff member of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and the delegation members venerated the holy relics of St. Tikhon

the Patriarch of All Russia – the heavenly patron of the OCA Primate.

Greeting His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and those accompanying him, Bishop Foma of Bronnitsy, abbot of the monastery, said in particular: “Today we welcome you not as guests, but as our brothers who at some point in the past had left to deal with very important matters, but now have returned to the holy abode, dear to them, in order to together with us pray to and praise St. Tikhon, meet with us and regain strength to continue their labours. It is our heartfelt wish that such visits may be more frequent.”

Bishop Foma presented His Beatitude with a portrait of St. Tikhon the Patriarch of All Russia.

The OCA Primate cordially thanked the abbot and the brethren of the monastery for their hospitality and prayers and presented Bishop Foma with a holy panagia.

Earlier that day His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and the members of the OCA delegation visited the State Tretyakov Gallery and the Church of St. Nicholas in Tolmachi where they venerated the Vladimirskaya Icon of the Mother of God.

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