



## **OCA Primate prays at All-Night Vigil in Moscow Church of 'Joy of All Who Sorrow' Icon of the Mother of God in Bolshaya Ordynka Street**



In the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada, while in Moscow, visited the Church of the 'Joy of All Who Sorrow' Icon of the Mother of God in Bolshaya Ordynka Street. Praying with him at the All-Night Vigil were members of the delegation of the Orthodox Church in America: Archbishop David of Sitka and Alaska; Archimandrite Andrei (Hoarște), bishop-elect of Cleveland, auxiliary to the archbishop of the Romanian Episcopate; Archpriest Alexander Rentel, chancellor of the OCA; Archpriest Daniel Andrejuk, rector of the OCA Representation in Moscow; and Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak, secretary to the OCA Primate. They were accompanied by Bishop Kliment of Krasnoslobodsk and Temnikov.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, officiated at the Polyeleos.

After the Gospel reading the DECR chairman greeted His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, wishing that the Most Holy Theotokos may cover him with her most precious omophorion and help him in his lofty ministry. Metropolitan Hilarion presented the OCA Primate with a panagia to commemorate his visit.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon expressed his gratitude to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia for the invitation to visit the Russian Church and for the warm hospitality, as well as for the opportunity to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of the OCA Representation in Moscow on the commemoration day of the Holy Great Martyr Catherine.

His Beatitude also presented Metropolitan Hilarion with a memorable gift.

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