His Beatitude Patriarch of Antioch receives a delegation from Russia



On 26 July 2019, His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East received a delegation from Russia that arrived in Syria with a humanitarian mission with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill f Moscow and All Russia.

The delegation consists of Archpriest Leonid Kalinin, chairman of the Expert Council for Church Art, Architecture and Restoration and archivist of the Moscow city diocese, and Ms Valentina Lantseva, president of the St. Paul' charity foundation.

They were joined in the meeting by Bishop Ephraim of Seleukia, secretary of the Synod of the Orthodox Church of Antioch, and hegumen Arseny (Sokolov), representative of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia to the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East.

The meeting took place at the Patriarchal residence located in the old part of Damascus. The guests from Russia told the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Antioch about charity projects being implemented by the St. Paul charity foundation and presented him with a holy banner with the Albazin icon of the Most Holy Mother of God.

His Beatitude Patriarch John X warmly welcomed the guests, giving them his primatial blessing.

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