



Prime Minister of Russian Federation meets with Patriarch Neophyte of Bulgaria



On 5 March 2019, while on a visit to Bulgaria, Mr. Dmitry Medvedev, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, met with His Holiness Patriarch Neophyte of Bulgaria at the residence of the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church.

Taking part in the meeting were also Metropolitan Kipriyan of Stara Zagora; Metropolitan Grigorij of Vratsa; Metropolitan Daniel of Vidin; Bishop Gerasim of Melnik, chief secretary of the Holy Synod; and Archimandrite Vassian (Zmeyev), representative of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia to the Patriarch of Bulgaria.

Mr. Medvedev noted the importance of historical spiritual and cultural ties between Russia and Bulgaria.

After the meeting the Russian Prime Minister, accompanied by Bishop Gerasim of Melnik, visited the Cathedral of the Holy Right-Believing Prince Alexander Nevsky in Sofia, built in commemoration of the

Russian soldiers who had liberated Bulgaria in the course of the Russo-Turkish War of 1877–78.

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