

## **Primate of Orthodox Church in America completes his visit to Moscow**



On February 3, 2019, His Beatitude Tikhon, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, who had attended the celebrations marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church and the enthronement of His Holiness Kirill, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, completed his visit to Russia.

The delegation of the Orthodox Church in America who accompanied His Beatitude consisted of Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa, Vicar of the diocese of San Francisco and Western America; Archpriest Alexander Rentel, chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America; Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak, secretary to the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America; Ms. Melanie Ringa, treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America; and Subdeacon Roman Ostash, assistant to Primate of the Orthodox Church in America.

At Sheremetyevo Airport, the guests were seen off by Metropolitan Ignatiy of Vologda and Kirillov, Bishop Matthews of Sourozh; Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR secretary for inter-Orthodox relations; and D. Petrovsky, DECR staff member.

Earlier that day, His Beatitude Tikhon celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Moscow Representation of the Orthodox Church in America. He was assisted by Bishop Matthews of Sourozh, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa; Archpriest Alexiy Kurenkov, rector of Belgorod Seminary; Archpriest Leonid Kalinin, head of the Church Art Experts Board, the rector and clergy of the OCA representation; and members of the delegation in holy orders.

Present in the church were Mr. Stephan Jobin, Canada's charge d'affaires in Moscow, members of the OCA delegation, and Mr. Petrovsky.

On the eve, His Beatitude Tikhon celebrated All-Night Vigil at the Sretensky Monastery, visited the Sretensky Seminary and Donskoy Monastery, where he venerated the relics of his heavenly patron, St. Tikhon the Patriarch of All Russia.

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