



THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
Department for External Church Relations

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill greets His Beatitude Metropolitan Rostislav of the Czech Lands and Slovakia with his Name Day

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent a message of greetings to the Primate of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia on the commemoration day of his heavenly patron, the Right-Believing Prince Rostislav.

His Beatitude Rostislav

Archbishop of Prešov

Metropolitan of the Czech Lands and Slovakia

Your Beatitude,

Beloved Brother and Concelebrant at God's Altar,

Please accept my heartfelt greetings with your Name Day.

The Holy Prince Rostislav invited the godly wise preachers and teachers, Cyril and Methodius, to his land so that *the light of the Orthodox East* (Sticheron to this saint) could shine upon the Great Moravia. By continuing the apostolic labours of your heavenly patron and his glorious helpmates you strive to zealously carry out your lofty ministry of Primate of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia.

By the prayers of the Holy Prince Rostislav may the All-Merciful Lord preserve you in good health, peace and joy for many and good years, and May He grant you His bountiful help in your further Primatial service.

With brotherly love in Christ,

+KIRILL

PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA
