



THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Orthodox children in Syrian Latakia received Christmas gifts from Moscow parish

The Russian Center for Reconciliation of Warring Parties and the Russian national organization of veterans 'Fighting Brotherhood' have brought to Syria and handed over to the Sunday school of the church of St. John the Baptist (Patriarchate of Antioch) Christmas gifts and school stationary collected by the Sunday school children and parishioners of the church of the Finding of the Lord's Sepulcher in Moscow.

During the Christmas celebrations, 100 small Orthodox Syrians from 3 to 14 years of age received icons and sweets from Russia. Moscow children sent Christmas cards in Arabic to their Syrian mates. Syrian Sunday school children promised to write their replies in Russian.

The Sunday school choir sang Christmas hymns for the servicemen from the Center for Reconciliation

of Warring Parties and the Fighting Brotherhood.

The rector of the church, Archimandrite Makarius conveyed warm words of gratitude and Christmas greetings to the parishioners of the church of the Finding of the Lord's Sepulcher in Moscow, to its clergy and Russian children. He thanked the Russian people for their help to Syria and congratulated all the present on Christmas and the New Year, which, through the prayers of all people of good will, is to bring a longed-for peace to the Syrian land.

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