



## Conference on Old Rite in the life of the Russian Orthodox Church takes place in Moscow



On 26 January 2017, within the framework of the 25<sup>th</sup> International Christmas Educational Readings, a conference on the Old Rite in the Life of the Russian Orthodox Church: Past and Present, was held at the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour in Moscow.

Presiding at the conference that already became a traditional part of the Christmas Readings was Metropolitan Georgy of Nizhny Novgorod and Arzamas, member of the Commission for Old Rite Parishes and Cooperation with the Old Rite Community of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations. Archpriest Ioann Mirolyubov, secretary of the Commission, acted as moderator of the conference.

The participants in the meeting presented reports on musical medieval studies, history of the Liturgy, historiosophy of the Middle Ages in Russia, and on the contemporary history of the Old Rite parishes.

On January 27, in the Patriarchal Centre of Old Russian Liturgical Tradition at the Church of the Protecting Veil of the Mother of God in Rubtsovo, Moscow, a round table discussion took place, dedicated to the problems of the Old Rite parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church. The participants in the meeting were unanimous in emphasizing the advisability of organizing a congress of representatives of the Orthodox Old Rite.

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