15th ecclesial-public exhibition-forum ‘Orthodox Rus’ opens in Moscow



On November 4, 2016, the Day of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God and the Day of National Unity, President Vladimir Putin and His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, after the opening and blessing of the monument of the Holy Prince Vladimir Equal-to-the-Apostles in Borovitskaya Square in Moscow, presided over the opening of the 15th ecclesial-public exhibition-forum ‘Orthodox Rus – Towards the Day of National Unity’ at the Manezh central exhibition hall.

Present at the opening ceremony were Prime-Minister D. Medvedev, Minister of Culture V. Medinsky and Moscow Mayor S. Sobyanin.

The 2016 multimedia exposition ‘Russia – My History. 1945-2016’ is the fourth and the last in the series of history exhibitions on ‘Russia – My History’ prepared by the Patriarchal Council for Culture. The three previous expositions – ‘The Ryurikoviches’, ‘The Romanovs’ and ‘1917-1945. From Great Upheavals to the Great Victory’ are presented today at the history park ‘Russia – My History’ at the VDNH Pavilion 57.

The Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God has been brought to the Manezh central hall for the time of the exhibition. President Putin and Patriarch Kirill put candles at this miracle-working icon and bowed before it.

Then they saw the explosion. Explanations were given by Bishop Tikhon of Yegoryevsk, chairman of the Patriarchal Council for Culture.

The president and the patriarch signed the honorary guest book. His Holiness wrote, ‘Through clouds to stars! The clouds are gradually moving away with the stars becoming brighter. May the Lord bless the movement of our people forward’.

On its first day, the exhibition was visited by state officials, hierarchs and heads of synodal departments of the Russian Orthodox Church, leaders of religious communities and representatives of ethnic public associations in Russia and Local Orthodox Churches.

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