



Reception on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's enthronement takes place at the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

On 1 February 2016, the seventh anniversary of the enthronement of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, a fraternal repast was offered after the festive divine service at the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour.

Greeting His Holiness were His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufry of Kiev and All Ukraine; Metropolitan Juvenaly of Krutitsy and Kolomna, Patriarchal vicar for the Moscow diocese; Metropolitan Vladimir of Kishinev and All Moldova; Metropolitan Alexander of Astana and Kazakhstan, head of the metropolitan area in the Republic of Kazakhstan; Metropolitan Vikenty of Tashkent and Uzbekistan, head of the metropolitan area of Central Asia; Metropolitan Pavel of Minsk and Zaslavsk, Patriarchal Exarch of All Belarus; and Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York, the first hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church outside of Russia.

Metropolitan Nifon of Philippopolis, Patriarchate of Antioch, congratulated His Holiness on behalf of representatives of the Local Orthodox Churches.

Metropolitan Joan of Varna and Veliki Preslav read out greeting from His Holiness Patriarch Neofit of Bulgaria.

Also greeting His Holiness were Alexander Beglov, Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Central Federal District; Leonid Slutsky, chairman of the State Duma Committee for the CIS, Eurasian integration and relations with compatriots, on behalf of the Duma deputies; and archpriest Alexander Dasayev, rector of the Church of the Resurrection in Sokolniki, on behalf of the Moscow clerics.

The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church cordially thanked them.

At the Throne Hall of the Patriarchal Chambers in the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour His Holiness Patriarch Kirill received greetings from the hierarchs, representatives of the Local Orthodox Churches, Synodal institutions, abbots of the stavropepic monasteries, and clergymen.
