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Patriarch Kirill's message of greetings to Primate of Serbian Orthodox Church on St. Sava's commemoration day

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has sent the following message of greetings to Patriarch Irenaeus of Serbia on the occasion of the commemoration day of St. Sava of Serbia:

To His Holiness Irenaeus

Archbishop of Pec

Metropolitan of Belgrade and Karlovci

Patriarch of Serbia

Your Holiness

Beloved Brother and Concelebrant at the Altar of God:

I wholeheartedly greet you on the occasion of the commemoration day of St. Sava of Serbia.

Among the great assembly of your devout and glorious predecessors at the throne of Primates of the Serbian Orthodox Church is St. Sava, who as the founder, occupies a special place, for, according to St. Paul, *the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself* (Heb. 3:3).

Through the prayerful intercession of St. Sava, may *the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort* (2 Cor. 1:3) preserve you in body and soul and send you His generous help in your carrying the heavy Patriarchal cross and may He grant peace and prosperity to your flock.

With brotherly love in the Lord,

+ KIRILL

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

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