



His Holiness Patriarch Kirill greets Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada with his Name Day

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia congratulated the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America on his Name Day. The text of the message is given below.

His Beatitude Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Your Beatitude, Beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant,

Please accept my cordial greetings with your Name Day.

By the all-wise providence of God the Almighty, you took monastic vows with the name of Tikhon, after St Tikhon the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia who had performed his apostolic ministry on the American continent for many years. Imitating this glorious saint pleasing unto God, you have been working tirelessly in the vineyard of the Lord, striving to build up *a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ* (1 Pet 2:5).

May the All-Generous Lord, through the prayerful intercession of St Tikhon, your heavenly patron, grant Your Beatitude His unceasing help in your Primatial ministry and spiritual and physical strength for many years.

With brotherly love in Christ,

+KIRILL

PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA