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Celebrations marking commemoration day of St Sergius of Radonezh begin in the Holy Trinity and St Sergius Laura

On 7 October 2015, the celebrations marking the blessed demise of St Sergius, Hegumen of Radonezh and Wonderworker of All Russia, began in the Laura of the Holy Trinity and St Sergius.

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia celebrated Small Vespers and read the Akathist to St Sergius in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Among those who were concelebrating with the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church were Metropolitan Juvenaly of Krutitsy and Kolomna; Metropolitan Vikenty of Tashkent and Uzbekistan, head of the Central Asia metropolitan area; Metropolitan Varsonofy of St. Petersburg and Ladoga, chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate; Metropolitan Pavel of Minsk and Zaslavl, Patriarchal Exarch for all Belarus; Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate; Archbishop Yevgeny of Vereya, chairman of the Education Committee, rector of the Moscow theological schools; Archbishop Feognost of Sergiyev Posad, abbot of the Holy Trinity and St Sergius Laura, chairman of the Synodal Department for Monasteries and Monasticism; Bishop Sergiy of Solnechnogorsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate Administrative Secretariat; Bishop Savva of Voskresensk, abbot of the Novospassky Stavropegic Monastery; Archimandrite Alexy (Polikarpov), abbot of St Daniel's Stavropegic Monastery; Archimandrite Porfiry (Shutov), abbot of the Holy Transfiguration Stavropegic Monastery in Solovki; and other clergymen.

During the service, Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, was praying in the sanctuary.

Later, His Holiness officiated at the All-Night Vigil in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

With the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, the DECR chairman, celebrated the All-Night Vigil in the Laura's Church of the Holy Spirit.

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