



## **Primate of Russian Orthodox Church congratulates His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana and All Albania on the anniversary of his enthronement**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent greetings to the Primate of the Albanian Orthodox Church on the occasion of the anniversary of his enthronement. The text of the message is given below.*

**Your Beatitude,**

**Beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant,**

Please accept my cordial greetings with the anniversary of your elevation to the Primatial Throne.

Performing your apostolic ministry in the long-suffering land of Albania, you teach the faithful to glorify and thank God Who “*according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*” (1 Pet. 1:3). The time of your Primatial service has been marked by the revival and comprehensive development of church life in Albania.

I wish Your Beatitude spiritual and physical strength, as well as God’s abundant mercy and unceasing help in your archpastoral ministry.

With brotherly love in Christ,

**+KIRILL**

**PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA**