



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's greeting to Mr. Andrzej Duda on his election as President of Poland**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia congratulated Mr. Andrzej Duda on his election as President of the Republic of Poland.*

**Mr. Andrzej Duda**

**President-Elect**

**Republic of Poland**

Dear Mr. Duda,

Please accept my congratulations on your election as President of the Republic of Poland.

I hope that your experience and high professionalism will help you in your new important ministry.

For many years the Russian Orthodox Church and your country have been tied by good relations, considerably fostered by our brotherly bonds with the Polish Orthodox Church.

I am also pleased to note the fruitful cooperation with the Catholic Church in Poland. Our church communities have been making their contribution to the promotion of neighbourly relations between the Russian and the Polish people, as was manifested by the Joint Message to the Peoples of Russia and Poland, signed by me and the head of the Polish Bishops' Conference in August 2012.

I wish you spiritual and physical strength, God's help and every success in your service for the benefit of Poland and her people.

Faithfully yours,

**+KIRILL**

**PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA**