



Patriarch Kirill greets Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem on his saint's day

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has sent the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem and All Palestine, the following message of greetings on the commemoration day of his heavenly patron saint:

Your Beatitude, Beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant:

I cordially greet you on the day of your heavenly patron, the Holy Martyr Theophilus of Sebastia.

Contemplating the feat and virtues of this witness of the Lord and drawing strength from his prayerful intercession, you carry out the lofty Patriarchal service in Jerusalem, the cradle of Christianity from which the life-bearing light shone forth for all the people on the earth.

On this auspicious day, I wish Your Beatitude spiritual strength, physical well-being and abundant mercies from All-Merciful God so that your efforts made diligently for the good of the Holy Church may continue to be beneficial and fruitful.

With brotherly love in Christ,

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Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia