



## Orthodox church consecrated in Hua Hin in Thailand

On 8 February 2015, when the Russian Orthodox Church celebrated the Synaxis of the new Russian martyrs and confessors, a Church of the Holy Royal Passion-Bearers was consecrated in the town of Hua Hin, Kingdom of Thailand, with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia.

Archbishop Feofilakt of Pyatigorsk and Cherkessk performed the rite of consecration and celebrated the first Divine Liturgy in the church. Concelebrating with him were the clergymen of the Russian Orthodox Church who are performing their pastoral service in the Kingdom of Thailand, as well as a cleric of the Cathedral of the Saviour in Pyatigorsk, protodeacon Dimitry Kuba.

Among those who were praying at the service was H.E. Mr. Kirill Barsky, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Kingdom of Thailand.

After the Liturgy archpriest Daniel Vanna, chairman of the Orthodox Church Foundation in Thailand, warmly greeted Archbishop Feofilakt.

The archpastor congratulated all the worshippers on the consecration of yet another Orthodox church in the land of Siam, conveyed to them the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, and wished them strength and God's help in going through the period of Lent with penitence and attention.

Commemorating the forthcoming 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first visit to Siam of Tsesarevich Nicholas (future Emperor Nicholas II), a ceremony of presenting the awards of the Russian Imperial House to those, who had contributed to the spread of Orthodoxy in Thailand, took place at the Church the Holy Royal Passion-Bearers.