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On centenary of Russia's entry into World War I, Patriarch Kirill celebrated Liturgy at Memorial Church of St. George and headed the consecration of Archimandrite Ioann (Rochshin) as Bishop of Naro-Fominsk



On August 1, 2014, the Day of the Founding of the Relics of St. Seraphim of Sarov, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Memorial Church of St. George the Conqueror on Poklonnaya Hill in Moscow. On that day one hundred years ago, Russia entered into World War I.

During the liturgy, Archimandrite Ioann (Rochshin) was consecrated as Bishop of Naro-Fominsk, Vicar of the Diocese of Moscow.

His Holiness was assisted by high-ranking church hierarchs and Moscow clergy. Among the worshippers were Kaliningrad Governor N. Tsukanov, Western Administrative District Prefect A. Alexandrov and other city officials.

After the Prayer of Fervent Supplication, the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church lifted up a prayer for peace in Ukraine.

The congregation also prayed for the repose of the souls of “servants of God, Orthodox Christians, commanders and soldiers who gave their lives in the battlefield for the faith, tsar and Fatherland during World War I”.

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