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## **Festive reception at Russia's general consulate in New York on the occasion of 700th birthday of St. Sergius of Radonezh**

On May 22, 2014, Russia's general consul in New York Mr. Igor Golubovsky and Archbishop Justinian of Naro-Fominsk, administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA, gave an official reception on the occasion of the 700<sup>th</sup> birthday of St. Sergius of Radonezh. It was the first event in the chain of festive activities to be held in the USA to celebrate St. Sergius's birthday.

The reception was attended by general consuls of Bulgaria, Serbia and Cyprus in New York, Bishop Jerome (ROCOR), clergy of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA and the Russian Church Outside of Russia, as well as clergy of the Orthodox Churches of Antioch and Bulgaria and the Orthodox Church in America. Among the guests were Dr. Antonios Kireopoulos, deputy general secretary of the Faith and Order Department of the National Council of Churches in the USA, and representatives of public and cultural organizations, the website of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USA reports.

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