



important educational mission that the monastery carries out in the best traditions of holy Orthodoxy.

The Patriarch of Bulgaria presented the monastery with an icon of the Holy Patriarch Euphemius of Tarnovo, who was the last patriarch before the Ottoman yoke, and St. Cyprian, Metropolitan of Kiev and Moscow.

In his response, Father Tikhon underlined that Bulgaria is held dear by the monastery because St. Cyprian who founded it was a Bulgarian from Tarnovo. He also spoke about the great role that St. Cyprian played in Russian history.

Patriarch Neophyte and his delegation shared a meal with the brethren of the monastery and students of the Sretensky Seminary.

Then the Patriarch and his party were taken on a tour of the seminary, its lecture hall, library, dormitory and sports hall.

In the seminary assembly hall, seminarians gave a concert for the Bulgarian church delegation.

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