



THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
Department for External Church Relations

Patriarch Kirill congratulates the Primate of the Serbian Orthodox Church on Slava, the day of his family's patron saint

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill has sent to Patriarch Irinej of Serbia the following message of greetings on the occasion of Slava, the day of his family's patron saint:

Your Holiness,

Beloved Brother and Concelebrant at the Throne of God:

My cordial greetings on the day of Slava.

This feast celebrated by Your Holiness falls on the Saturday of Lazarus, the day of joyful remembrance of the mighty life-giving power of our Saviour Who confirmed the universal resurrection (the Saturday of Lazarus martins) and by His word raised the righteous Lazarus from the dead.

I prayerfully wish that God's grace may always accompany you in your primatial service on the Serbian Patriarchal throne.

May the all-merciful Lord grant you His help in your work and care for your God-loving flock and preserve you in good health for many years.

With brotherly love in Christ,

+Kirill

Patriarchal of Moscow and All Russia
