



## His Holiness Patriarch Neophyte of Bulgaria visits Kiev Theological Schools



On 29 July 2013, His Holiness Patriarch Neophyte of Bulgaria, who came to Kiev for the celebration of the 1025<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Baptism of Russia, visited the Kiev theological schools.

Meeting the Primate of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church were Metropolitan Antony of Borispol, chancellor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and rector of the Kiev Theological Schools, as well as staff members, professors and students of the Kiev Theological Academy and Seminary.

Metropolitan Antony greeted the guest, noting that the Kiev Theological Academy and the Bulgarian Orthodox Church have deep-rooted historical ties: many distinguished Bulgarian hierarchs and scholars studied at the Kiev Academy.

His Holiness Patriarch Neophyte was invited to the excursion around the Academy and its Church-Archeological Museum and then met with the faculty.

Patriarch Neophyte told those present at the meeting that he used to work as a rector of the Theological Academy and then as a dean of the Faculty of Theology, and noted the necessity of cooperation in theological education. Metropolitan Antony of Borispol told the guest that the Kiev theological schools are developing cooperation with foreign educational institutions, and expressed his hope that an agreement on cooperation will be signed with faculties of theology of Bulgarian universities in the near future.

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