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## **Primate of the Orthodox Church in America arrives in Moscow**

On 20 July 2013, His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington and Metropolitan of All America and Canada, arrived in Moscow to attend celebration of the 1025<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Baptism of Rus.

Meeting the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America at Domodedovo airport were Metropolitan Pavel of Ryazan and Mikhailov; Archbishop Arseniy of Istra, the first vicar of His Holiness the Patriarch for Moscow; Bishop Kliment of Krasnoslobodsk and Temnikov; archimandrite Alexander (Pihach), representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia; archpriest Nikolai Balashov, deputy chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR); archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR secretary for inter-Orthodox relations; and archpriest Georgy Roschin, representative of the World Russian People's Council to the UN and a cleric of St. Nicholas Cathedral in New York.

His Beatitude Tikhon is accompanied by Bishop Alexander of Toledo, chairman of the Department for External Relations and Inter-Church Relations of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA); archpriest John Jillions, OCA chancellor, and deacon Jesse Isaac, a cleric of the Canadian archdiocese.

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