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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 1025th 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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