



Primate of Serbian Orthodox Church visits Moscow Kremlin and Convent of Intercession

On 19 July 2013, His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia, currently on the official visit to the Russian Orthodox Church, and his delegation visited the Moscow Kremlin. They saw the Cathedral of the Assumption, the Cathedral of the Archangel, and the Cathedral of the Annunciation, venerated relics of the Moscow saints Peter, Jonah, Philipp and Hermogen, and visited the Palace of Facets.

After his visit to the Kremlin, His Holiness Patriarch Irinej and his suite arrived in the stavropegic Convent of the Intercession. They were met by hegumeness Feofania, sisters and girls from the orphanage.

His Holiness and those who accompanied him venerated relics of St. Matrona of Moscow in the Church of the Intercession.

In the Church of the Resurrection, hegumeness Feofania told the high guests that not only Muscovites, but also pilgrims from all over the world, come to venerate St. Matrona. Her Life has been translated into many languages, including the Serbian language. Representatives of the Serbian Orthodox Church visited the Convent many times, and a convent dedicated to St. Matrona is being constructed in Serbia.

The Primate of the Serbian Orthodox Church responded by thanking the Lord for an opportunity to visit the holy abode and continued: 'During the time of hard trials that had befallen the Russians, Serbians and many other peoples, St. Matrona's life brought witness to the fact that one can pray to God not only in the happy time, but also in the time of troubles and temptations. St. Matrona is a patron saint of Moscow and of all Orthodox Christians of the world. We offer up our prayers to the Lord to bestow his blessings on this city and on people living in it. We also beseech St. Matrona's help for saving and protecting Kosovo, the land with over one thousand and five hundreds holy sites, the land on which so much blood and so many tears were poured.'