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## **His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah of All America and Canada visits Moscow Theological Academy**

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On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah of All America and Canada, currently on a visit to the Russian Orthodox Church, arrived in the Laura of the Holy Trinity and St. Sergius.

The Primate of the Orthodox Church in America was met at the gates by Archbishop Yevgeniy of Vereya, rector of the Moscow Theological Schools. Metropolitan Jonah venerated the relics of St. Sergius of Radonezh in the Cathedral of the Trinity and other holy sites of the Laura, and saw the exhibits of the Church Archeological Museum at the Moscow Theological Academy.

His Beatitude Jonah met with the students at the Church of the Intercession of the Most Holy Mother of God located in the Academy. He told the students about prospects of exchange between the Moscow Theological Schools and St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary in New York, USA.

The delegation was met at the Academy by its vice-rector, hegumen Vassian (Zmeyev), and assistant rector, protodeacon Igor Mikhailov. The visit completed with a talk at the refectory.

Among those accompanying His Beatitude Jonah were Bishop Aleksandr of Dmitrov, Bishop Melchizedek of Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania (Orthodox Church in America), and archimandrite Zacchaeus (Wood), the OCA representative to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

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