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## **Holy Venerable Martyrs Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Nun Barbara are commemorated at the Garden of Gethsemane**

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On 17 July 2010, the eve of the commemoration day of the invention of the precious relics of St. Sergius, Hegumen of Radonezh, Archimandrite Isidor (Minayev), head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem officiated at the All-Night Vigil in the Russian Convent of St. Mary Magdalene in the Garden of Gethsemane where the relics of the new martyrs repose, official site of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem reports.

On July 18, the commemoration day of St. Sergius, Archimandrite Isidor celebrated the Divine Liturgy together with clergymen of the Missions of the Moscow Patriarchate and of the Russian Church Abroad, as well as with clerics from Russia who arrived to visit the Holy Land. After the divine service, Archimandrite Isidor congratulated hegumeness Yelisaveta, mother superior of the Gethsemane Convent, on her Nameday. Among those commemorating the Venerable Martyrs Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Nun Barbara and congratulating mother Yelisaveta were hegumeness Georgia, mother superior of the Gorny Convent, with nuns, and many parishioners.

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