



His Holiness Patriarch Kirill congratulates Primate of the Georgian Church on the commemoration day of St. Nino Equal-to-the-Apostles, the Enlightener of Georgia

The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church sent a congratulatory message to His Holiness and Beatitude Archbishop of Mtskheta and Tbilisi Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia Iliya II on the commemoration day of St. Nino Equal-to-the-Apostles, the Enlightener of Georgia. The text of the Patriarch's message reads:

Your Holiness and Beatitude,

beloved brother in the Lord and concelebrant:

I wholeheartedly greet you with the commemoration day of Sty. Nino Equal-to-the-Apostles, the Enlightener of Georgia.

Having received the blessing to preach from the Most Holy Mother of God, St. Nino has hoisted a salutary banner of the faith in Christ in the ancient land of Iberia, thus giving a Gospel example of the equal-to-the-apostles ministry. Her labours have brought about the Holy Georgian Church, a spiritual stronghold and guide of the Orthodox Georgian people.

May the All-Merciful Lord, through the prayers of the chosen zealot of piety, grant Your Holiness and your entire flock saved by God His bountiful and rich mercies.

With brotherly love in Christ,

+ Kirill

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia