



Patriarch Kirill congratulates the primate of the Orthodox Church of Jerusalem on the anniversary of his enthronement

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent the following congratulatory message to His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem and All Palestine, on the occasion of the anniversary of his enthronement.

Your Beatitude,

Beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant:

I cordially congratulate you on the anniversary of your patriarchal enthronement.

The primatial ministry in the Holy Church of Jerusalem, the Mother of Christian Churches, involves a tireless concern for the preservation of the Lord's Sepulcher and other common Christian shrines, combined with prayerful intercession for the much-suffering land of Palestine. Our fraternal solidarity is always with you just as our ardent prayers for grace-giving help in your bearing this heavy cross.

I wish Your Beatitude ever more strength from above in your primatial ministry, good health and blessed long life.

With brotherly love in the Lord,

+ Kirill

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia