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His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's congratulations to the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America on his namesake day



His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia congratulated His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada on his namesake day. The message reads as follows:

**HIS BEATITUDE TIKHON
ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON
METROPOLITAN OF ALL AMERICA AND CANADA**

Your Beatitude,

Beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant at God's Altar:

Please accept my heartfelt greetings on the occasion of your Name Day.

Looking at the deeds of St. Tikhon the Patriarch of All Russia who stood at the helm of the Russian Church in times of trying ordeals and tribulations, you carry the heavy cross of Primatial ministry, hopeful of the Creator's mercy, strengthening Orthodoxy on the continent of North America and zealously contending *for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints* (Jude 1:3).

I prayerfully wish to Your Beatitude good health, peace, spiritual joy and bountiful help from the Lord in your Primatial labours for many and good years.

With brotherly love in Christ Jesus,

+KIRILL
PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA

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