



## A hierarchy of Serbian Orthodox Church takes part in patronal feast at the Moscow church of Elijah the Prophet in Kitai-Gorod



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On August 2, 2022, a hierarchal divine service was celebrated in the Moscow church of Elijah the Prophet at the former Novgorod Metochion in Kitai-Gorod.

Officiating at the Divine Liturgy on the patronal feast day was Metropolitan Feognost of Kashira, chairman of the Synodal Department for Monasteries and Monasticism and father superior of the Donskoy stavropegic monastery.

Bishop Jovan of Slavonia, who is on a visit to Moscow with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Porfirije of the Serbian Orthodox Church, concelebrated.

Assisting the hierarchs were Archimandrite Dorofey (Vechkanov), rector of the Holy Trinity and St. Sergius Lavra Metochion in Gorki-8 township;

Archpriest Andrei Rechitsky, rector the church of Elijah the Prophet in Kitai-Gorod; Archpriest Vyacheslav Shestakov, rector of the Patriarchal Metochion in Zaryadye; Hegumen Vasily (Burkov), abbot of the Holy Dormition Svyatogorsky monastery in the Pushkin Hills; and clerics of the church of Elijah the Prophet.

The divine service celebrated on the patronal feast day was attended by many worshippers.

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The church of Elijah the Prophet at the former Novgorod metochion is one of the oldest Moscow churches. Ilyinka street in Kitai-Gorod was named after it in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The church changed its external architectural character several times and in the 19<sup>th</sup> century has become a part of the ensemble of the Trading Rows that were called 'warm rows' because they were heated.