



A group of African students comes to study at the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy.



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On 23rd November a group of three students from Kenya and Ruanda came to the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy to study Russian as a foreign language for overseas students at the theological and pastoral faculty of the Academy, reports the press service of the St. Petersburg theological schools.

In the coming days there are expected to arrive another eight students from Madagascar, Nigeria, Tanzania and the Central African Republic.

Upon completion of the Russian-language course, the students will continue their studies at other educational programmes at the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy, the aim of which is to prepare them for pastoral service in the Patriarchal exarchate of Africa.

Collaboration between the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy and the countries of Africa has a long history. In 1965, during the period of the Khrushchev persecutions against the Russian Church, metropolitan Nikodim (Rotov) opened a faculty for African Christian youth. It was later transformed into the faculty for overseas students, which at the present time continues to function within the Academy's international department.

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