



## Vladimir Spivakov gives concert in honour of 20th anniversary of the Russian Church of All Saints in Strasbourg



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On June 25, the world famous conductor and violinist Vladimir Spivakov took part in 'The Hour of Bach. Human, Love the World' charity concert performed at the Centre of Orthodox Culture at the Russian Church of All Saints in Strasbourg. He was joined by local musicians.

The concert was timed to coincide with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Orthodox community of the Church of All Saints. The proceeds from the concert will be used for maintaining the church complex, website of the parish reports.

Vladimir Spivakov is a donator of the Orthodox church in Strasbourg. In 2016 he presented it with an 18<sup>th</sup> century 'Hodegetria' icon of the Mother of God and his conductor's baton as a symbol of dedication of his talent to God. The maestro continues to participate in the life of the community and support its

various cultural initiatives.

The concert program included works by the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Vladimir Spivakov shared his spiritual reflections and philosophical thoughts with the audience, quoting the Holy Scriptures and speaking about God, the meaning of life, and relations of humans with their Creator. The guests thanked him and the musicians by the waves of cheering.

The concert being over, Vladimir Spivakov presented the church with a rare 'Avgustov' icon of the Mother of God. On behalf of the audience and parishioners Archimandrite Philip (Ryabykh), rector of the parish, thanked the maestro for his visit, a wonderful concert and the gift.

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