



“Splendid mosaics, whose reproductions you are going to see at the exhibition which is opening today, were created by Russian and Belarusian mosaicists. It is our offering to Saint Sava and a gift from the Russian Orthodox Church to its beloved sister – the Serbian Orthodox Church.

“Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin and President of the Republic of Serbia Mr Vučić for having supported this significant project. I also thank Zurab Tsereteli and Nikolai Mukhin, along with all those who made the mosaics, for their work, unprecedented in scale and artistic value, which has become a remarkable contribution to the world culture.

“I believe that to us and to generations to come, this gift will be a visible sign of love between our two Churches and peoples. Since St. Sava’s times, Orthodoxy has been and, God willing, will remain the foundation of our good relations with the Serbian brothers.

“I wish inspiration and new artistic achievements to the artists who created the marvellous works of art, and I wish good health and help from God to all of you.

“May the blessing of our Lord be always with you.”

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