



## Advisor to Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus' receives Serbian state award



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On 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, acting under instructions from Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić, Mr Nikola Selaković, Serbia's Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Policy, presented to Archpriest Nikolai Balashov, Advisor to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus', the Order of the Serbian Flag, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. The ceremony took place in the Throne Hall of the Serbian Patriarchate in Belgrade. The high award **was given** to Father Nikolai in compliance with a decree of the Serbian President as of 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 "for his special contribution to developing and strengthening cooperation and friendly relations between the Republic of Serbia and the Russian Federation."

Archpriest Nikolai Balashov received congratulations from His Holiness Serbian Patriarch Porfirije; Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate; Bishop Irinej of Bačka; and Bishop Stefan of Remesiana, who were present at the award ceremony.

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