# A Service held in Kuwait in honor of the Icon of the Mother of God "Quick to Hear"



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On November 22, a service was held in the capital of the State (Emirate) of Kuwait for the Russian Orthodox community, celebrating the feast of the Icon of the Mother of God "Quick to Hear." Archimandrite Alexander (Zarkeshev), the rector of the Church of St. Philip the Apostle in the UAE, conducted the Divine Liturgy in a local church of the Antiochian Orthodox Church. He was assisted by Deacon Alexei Kostin.

The service was attended by Russians, Ukrainians, and Serbs living in the Emirate of Kuwait. Among those present was the Russian Ambassador to Kuwait, V.F. Zheltov, with his wife.

During the fervent litany, special prayers were offered for His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus', whose birthday was celebrated on November 20.

During the litany for the departed, they commemorated Metropolitan Theophan (Ashurkov), marking four years since his passing.

The liturgical hymns were performed by a newly formed amateur choir of parishioners, led by conductor Anna Andreyeva. The Creed, the prayer to the Most Holy Theotokos "It is Truly Meet," and the Lord's Prayer "Our Father" were sung congregationally by all present in the church.

Many parishioners partook of Holy Communion.

At the conclusion of the service, Archimandrite Alexander (Zarkeshev) addressed the congregation with pastoral guidance.

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