



## Memorial service takes place at the Serbian metochion in Moscow on the first anniversary of the repose of bishop Antony (Pantelić).



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On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 a year passed since the repose in the Lord of the bishop of Moravica Antony (Pantelić), the first representative of the Serbian Orthodox Church to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

On this day at the graveside of the ever-memorable bishop Antony at the Church of Saints Peter and Paul at Yauza Gates – the Serbian metochion in Moscow – a memorial service was held. The service was headed by the bishop of Zheleznogorsk and Lgov Paisius and the representative of the Patriarch of Serbia to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and dean of the Serbian metochion the bishop of Remesiana Stefan. Concelebrating with the bishops were: advisor to the Patriarch of Moscow and All

Russia archpriest Nikolai Balashov; deputy chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, secretary of the Moscow metochion of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia hieromonk Alexander (Haluška), cleric of the Šabac diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church and brother of bishop Antony archpriest Milan Pantelić; the clergy of the Serbian metochion and invited clergy.

Praying at the memorial service by the graveside of the departed bishop were: the representative of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia to the Patriarchal Throne of Moscow archimandrite Seraphim (Shemyatovsky), the representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Patriarchal Throne of Moscow archpriest Daniel Andrejuk, senior advisor of the Serbian embassy in Russia Snežana Pavlović, DECR representative A. Yu. Khoshev; and parishioners of the Serbian metochion.

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The auxiliary bishop of the Primate of the Serbian Orthodox Church the bishop of Moravica Antony reposed in the Lord on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 after a long and serious illness.

For more than two decades from 2002 he was the representative of the Patriarch of Serbia to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and dean of the metochion of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Moscow, remaining in this position until the day of his untimely death.

The funeral for the late bishop was taken by the Primates of the Russian and Serbian Orthodox Churches at the Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Moscow.

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