



Birthday of Metropolitan Niphon of Philippopolis celebrated at Moscow Metochion of the Orthodox Church of Antioch



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On 4th December 2025, celebrations marking the 84th birthday of Metropolitan Niphon of Philippopolis, Representative of the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus', took place at the Moscow Metochion of the Orthodox Church of Antioch.

Among those who attended the official reception at the Metochion was Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations. He greeted Metropolitan Niphon on behalf of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus', His Holiness Kirill, and pointed out, in particular, the importance of the decades-long work of the Representative of the

Antiochian Patriarchal Throne in Moscow.

Taking part in the celebrations were also the heads of various countries' diplomatic missions, Russian diplomats and public figures. Among those in attendance was Archpriest Nikolai Balashov, Advisor to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus'.

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