



Bishop Leonid of Argentina and South America extends birthday greetings to the only veteran of the Great Patriotic War living in Argentina



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On 23rd March 2026, Bishop Leonid of Argentina and South America paid a visit to Maria Stepanovna Kadar – the only veteran of the Great Patriotic War living in the Argentine Republic. The hierarch extended warm greetings to Ms Kadar on her 95th birthday.

Among those who came to congratulate Ms Kadar on that memorable occasion were Ms Dina Oyun, Director of the Russian House in Buenos Aires, and Mr Alexey Gulyaev, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Argentine Republic and Deputy Director of the Russian House in Buenos Aires. Mr Sholban Kara-ool, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation,

offered his heartfelt birthday greetings to Maria Stepanovna on the phone.

As **the Telegram channel of the Diocese of Argentina reports**, Ms Kadar asked her guests in for tea and shared with them her recollections of her life during the war, which reminded those present about the immense importance of the first-hand accounts of those who belong to the generation of victors.

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