



Metropolitan Timotheos of Bostra, Exarch of the Holy Sepulchre in Cyprus, receives Order of St. Seraphim of Sarov of the Russian Orthodox Church



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On 28th August 2026, the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, and Metropolitan Timotheos of Bostra, Exarch of the Holy Sepulchre in Cyprus (Orthodox Church of Jerusalem), celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the Church of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker in Limassol, Cyprus.

Concelebrating with the two hierarchs were Archpriest Pavel Povalayev, Rector of St. Nicholas Church, and ordained pilgrims.

After the Liturgy, Metropolitan Anthony read out **a message of greetings** from His Holiness Patriarch

Kirill of Moscow and All Rus' on the occasion of the 75th birthday of Metropolitan Timotheos of Bostra.

With the blessing of the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, the DECR chairman presented to Metropolitan Timotheos the Order of St. Seraphim of Sarov, 1st Class. The high award was conferred on Metropolitan Timotheos on the occasion of his jubilee and in consideration of his contribution to strengthening ties between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Church of Jerusalem.

Metropolitan Timotheos expressed his heartfelt gratitude to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill, with whom, as His Eminence noted, he had struck up a friendship back when he had been a student of the Leningrad theological schools and the future Primate of the Russian Church had served as their rector.

Among those who attended the divine service was Mr Murat Zyazikov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Cyprus, who also extended greetings to Metropolitan Timotheos.

On the previous evening, Metropolitan Anthony had celebrated the All-Night Vigil in St. Nicholas Church.

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