



Representative of the Russian Church extends name day greetings to Chief Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Antioch



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On 1st October 2026, the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God and commemoration day of St. Romanos the Melodist according to the Revised Julian Calendar, the Divine Liturgy, along with Vespers and Matins, was celebrated at the Church of St. John Damascene in Damascus.

With the blessing of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, officiating at the Divine Liturgy was Bishop Romanos of Seleucia, Chief Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church of Antioch, in concelebration with Bishop Arsanios of Hierapolis and the clergy of Damascus.

The commemoration day of St. Romanos the Melodist marked the Name Day of Bishop Romanos of Seleucia.

Among those praying in the church was Archimandrite Philip (Vasiltsev), Representative of the Russian Orthodox Church in Damascus. After the Liturgy, Father Philip extended warm greetings to Bishop Romanos on the occasion of his Name Day and presented him with commemorative gifts, website of the Representation **reports**.

The divine service was followed by a fraternal meal at the parish hall.

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