Visit of the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Jerusalem to Moscow concludes



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From 4 to 6 November 2026, His Beatitude Theophilos III, Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem and All Palestine, **visited** the Russian capital.

On 5 November, the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Jerusalem **celebrated** a prayer service at the shrine containing the relics of Blessed Matrona of Moscow at the Intercession Stavropegic Convent.

On the same day, a **fraternal meeting** took place at the Patriarchal Residence in Chisty pereulok between His Holiness Kirill, Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus', and His Beatitude Theophilos III, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

In the evening, the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, **met** with the Primates of the

Russian and Jerusalem Orthodox Churches at the Kremlin. The Head of State presented Patriarch Theophilos with the Order of Friendship "for his significant contribution to strengthening friendship, cooperation and spiritual ties with Russia".

On 6 November, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem was seen off at Vnukovo-3 Airport by Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate; Archpriest Nikolai Balashov, Advisor to His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus'; Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, Deputy Chairman of the DECR; Igumen Theophan (Lukianov), Head of the DECR Protocol Sector; and Priest Alexander Yershov, Assistant to the DECR Chairman.

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