Cross-monument is blessed in the Orthodox monastery in Gotschendorf on the eve of the 70th anniversary of the Great Victory

On 6 May 2015, the dedication day of the Monastery of St. George in Gotschendorf, Germany, Archbishop Feofan of Berlin and Germany officiated at the Divine Liturgy in concelebration with Archbishop Alexander of Baku and Azerbaijan.

This was the first Liturgy celebrated in the Church of St. George the Victorious which is being constructed in the territory of the Monastery. Over one hundred guests from different countries have arrived to attend the feast day. The Office of the Blessing of Bells was celebrated after the Liturgy.

That same day a cross was erected in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Great Victory. The bronze cross, which weights two tons and is five meters high, was made on donations in Rostov-on-Don in Russia and brought to the monastery in Gotschendorf founded in 2006 in the territory of the estate which housed a residence of the Nazi Reich Marshall Hermann Göring during WW2. It is remarkable that the memorial cross was blessed on the eve of the 70th anniversary of the victory over fascism in

Germany. The cross will be a monument to soldiers-liberators and a sign of reconciliation among nations.

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