



## The Epiphany is celebrated at the Russian Orthodox Church Representation in Damascus



On 19th January 2021, the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, hegumen Arseny (Sokolov), representative of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia to the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, celebrated the Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of the Waters at the Representation of the Russian Orthodox Church in Damascus.

Praying at the service were H.E. Alexander Yefimov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Syrian Arab Republic; staff member of the Russian Embassy; representatives of the Centre for Reconciliation of the Opposing Parties in Syria; and Russian Orthodox Christians residing in Damascus and its neighborhood.

A festive tea party followed the office of the Blessing of the Waters.

That same day hegumen Arseny visited a unit of the Russian military police located in the Damascus region, congratulated the servicemen with the feast and celebrated the office of the Blessing of the Waters.

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