



Brazil deanery priest visits Orthodox community in Salvador in State of Bahia



At the invitation of Russian compatriots and Orthodox believers in the State of Bahia, Brazil, Father Andrey Khazov of the Brazil deanery of the Diocese of Argentine and South America, rector of the Parish of the Annunciation in San Paulo, visited Salvador, the capital city of San Paulo state. In spite of the fact that there is a great number of Orthodox Christians living in Bahia, there is no Orthodox parish. Priests of the Brazil deanery come to Salvador as often as possible to celebrate divine services and sacraments and to keep communication with the faithful.

On January 24, with a blessing of Bishop Leonid of Argentine and South America, Father Andrey Khazov celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the Bom Pastor Chapel, which has been placed at the Orthodox community's disposal for the celebration by a parish of the Anglican Episcopal Church.

On that day, the Orthodox faith was liturgically adopted by Constantine Oliveira, a Brazilian native of Bahia, a university professor who has studied the Russian culture and Orthodoxy for a long time. He has a page in Instagram where he narrates in Portuguese about Russia, her traditions and culture.

After the service, parishioners, accompanied by Russian guide Galina Chervyakova, showed to Father Andrey the main sights in Salvador with its numerous old Brazilian Baroque churches of the colonial era.

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