



On 12th anniversary of Patriarch Kirill's enthronement believers of Russian Church pray for their Primate in various countries



On 1st February 2021, the Plenitude of the Russian Orthodox Church celebrated the 12th anniversary of the enthronement of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia. Fervent prayers for the Primate were offered at many parishes of the Moscow Patriarchate in various countries.

Archbishop Tikhon of Podolsk, administrator of the diocese of Berlin and Germany, celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Elevation of the Holy Cross in Munich. The Liturgy was followed by a thanksgiving moleben, during which Many Years to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill was sung, diocesan website reports.

On behalf of the clergy and laypeople of his diocese, Archbishop Tikhon sent a letter message of greetings to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill. As the letter reads, even at a time of ordeals caused by the coronavirus pandemic His Holiness continues “to steer with a firm hand the ship of the Russian Church

through the rough worldly sea, undaunted and always finding strength in Divine grace.”

A moleben of thanksgiving was celebrated by Archimandrite Alexander (Yelisov), head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, at the Church of the Holy Martyr Empress Alexandra, and Many Years was sung to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and to all his blessed flock.

Thanksgiving molebens on the anniversary of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's enthronement were also celebrated at the Gorny Convent in Ein Karem and at the metochions of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission – the Church of the Holy Apostle Peter and Righteous Tabitha in Tel Aviv, the Church of the Holy Prophet Elijah in Haifa, the Church of the Holy Forefathers in Hebron, and the metochion at the site of the Baptism of Jesus Christ in Jordan, website of the Mission reports.

Prayerful petitions were lifted up during the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Holy Dormition in London. After the divine service Bishop Matthew of Sourozh, temporary administrator of the Patriarchal parishes in the USA and Canada, read out a prayer for the health of the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, website of the Sourozh diocese reports.

In the United Arab Emirates, Archimandrite Alexander (Zarkeshev), rector of the Church of St. Philip the Apostle in Sharjah, celebrated a moleben of thanksgiving on the occasion of the anniversary of the enthronement of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, website of St. Philip's parish reports.

To mark the 12th anniversary of the enthronement of the Russian Church's Primate, in all churches of the Thailand diocese of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Southeast Asia, prayers were offered unto the Lord that He may grant His almighty help to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill in his multifarious labours, and Many Years was sung, website of the diocese reports.

Molebens of thanksgiving were also celebrated in churches and monasteries of the diocese of Chersonesus, diocesan website reports.

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