

Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate



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His Holiness KIRILL  
Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia  
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RUSSIA

Your Holiness,

Dear Brother in Christ:

The celebration of Great Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles coincides with the observance of the 1030th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus. Kievan Rus was the birthplace of Orthodox Christianity in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus.

Consequently, the celebrations of Saint Vladimir and the anniversary of the Baptism of Rus symbolize and express the brotherhood of three sovereign nations. They become fervent prayers for the peace and well-being of three peoples.

In this occasion I express to Your Holiness our love, and assure you of our prayers for you, your Holy Church, and the people of Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus.

I ask for Your Holiness' prayers for the Orthodox Church in America and its mission in North America.

Your brother and concelebrant,

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Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

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