

## **Metropolitan Tikhon leads OCA delegation on fraternal visit to Church of Russia**

**SYOSSET, NY** – At the invitation of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and a delegation from the Orthodox Church in America joined the Primates and representatives of the Local Orthodox Churches at services and related festivities marking His Holiness' 70th birthday November 18-23, 2016. The OCA delegation included His Grace, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa; Archimandrite Gerasim; Archpriest Nazari Polataiko; Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak and Roman Ostash.



**Patriarch Kirill receives Metropolitan Tikhon, OCA delegation, as his residence.**

On Friday, November 18, Metropolitan Tikhon and the delegation were received by Patriarch Kirill at his residence in the Danilov Monastery. The following morning, Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the OCA's Representation Church of the Great Martyr Catherine, after which a 40-day Memorial was celebrated for the repose of the parish's late Dean, Archimandrite Alexander [Pihach]. Among those present was the Canadian Ambassador to the Russian Federation, John Kur.

On Sunday, November 20, Metropolitan Tikhon concelebrated the Divine Liturgy at Christ the Savior Cathedral with Patriarch Kirill and the Primates of the Local Churches and their representatives. Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA delegation also attended a formal convocation and concert marking the occasion.

Metropolitan Tikhon also met with the US Ambassador to the Russian Federation, John Teft, and was interviewed by the Interfax News Agency. ■

**FULL STORIES/GALLERIES:** <https://oca.org/news/headline-news/metropolitan-tikhon-interviewed-by-interfax-news-agency>, <https://oca.org/media/photos/metropolitan-tikhon-oca-delegation-in-moscow-part-1> and <https://oca.org/media/photos/metropolitan-tikhon-oca-delegation-in-moscow-part-2>

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## **Serbian Bishop Irinej hosted at Chancery**

**SYOSSET, NY** – His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon welcomed His Grace, Bishop Irinej [Dobrijevic] of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America to the OCA Chancery on November 8, 2016.

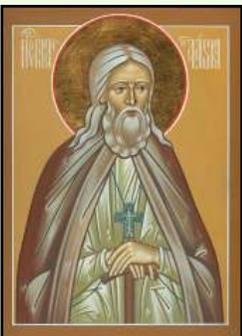
Elected in May 2016 by the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church to succeed His Grace, Bishop Mitrophan, Bishop Irinej was enthroned at Pittsburgh's Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Cathedral on October 1. Bishop Irinej is a graduate of both Saint Tikhon's and Saint Vladimir's Seminaries.

"On behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, I offer you my sincere congratulations on your enthronement as Bishop of the Eastern American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and I look forward to working with you

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## **Help "expand the Mission!"**

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Glorify Him!**

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## **Metropolitan Tikhon discusses persecution of Christians with Billy Graham Association rep**

**SYOSSET, NY** – His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon welcomed the Rev. Viktor Hamm, Executive Assistant of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, at the Chancery of the Orthodox Church in America on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

During their meeting, the Rev. Hamm extended an invitation to Metropolitan Tikhon to address the World Summit in Defense of Persecuted Christians in Washington, DC May 11-13, 2017. The Summit will bring together hundreds of Orthodox Christian, Evangelical and Catholic leaders and advocates and victims of persecution from around the world to address the growing legal, social and political problems associated with the persecution of Christians in today's world. ■ **FULL STORY:** <https://oca.org/news/headline-news/metropolitan-tikhon-discusses-persecution-of-christians-with-billy-graham-a>



**Metropolitan Tikhon with Rev. Hamm**

## **Pittsburgh Archdiocese celebrates centennial**

**ALLISON PARK, PA** – Saint Alexander Nevsky Cathedral was the site of the celebration of the centennial of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania November 11-12, 2016.

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, presided at the weekend's services, together with His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek; His Eminence, Archbishop Michael; His Grace, Bishop Irinej of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America; and His Grace, Bishop David. Representing His Grace, Bishop Thomas of the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic, was Priest Joshua Makaul. Also present were His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius, who had served as Bishop of Pittsburgh in the late 1960s and 1970s, and His Eminence, Metropolitan Savas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh.



The Archdiocese was established in 1916 in part as a missionary outreach to the substantial number of central European immigrants lured to the region with the promise of work. Archbishop Melchisedek has served as the archdiocese's ruling bishop since his installation in June 2009. ■ **FULL STORY/GALLERY:** <https://oca.org/media/photos/metropolitan-tikhon-presides-at-centennial-of-pittsburgh-archdiocese>

## **SVS announces 34th annual Fr. Schmemmann lecture**

**YONKERS, NY** – Dr. Lewis Patsavos, retired Professor of Canon Law and Director of Field Education at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, will deliver the 34th Annual Father Alexander Schmemmann Lecture at Saint Vladimir's Seminary on Monday, January 30, 2017.

At Holy Cross, Dr. Patsavos taught Canon Law and directed the Field Education Program for 40 years. He currently serves as the Consultant on Canonical Affairs to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

The Schmemmann Lecture, which is open to the public, will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Metropolitan Philip Auditorium of the John G. Rangos Building. ■ **FULL STORY:** <https://oca.org/news/headline-news/svots-announces-34th-annual-fr.-alexander-schmemmann-lecture>

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## **Visit of Bishop Irinej**

on the Assembly of Bishops and in whatever other ways our Churches might collaborate," Metropolitan Tikhon said in his welcoming remarks after prayer in Saint Sergius of Radonezh Chapel.

Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Irinej also discussed a variety of matters of mutual interest, including the recent Council in Crete, at which Bishop Irinej was a participant; the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA; pastoral challenges facing the Church in countries outside traditional Orthodox lands; and theological education in America. ■ **FULL STORY:** <https://oca.org/news/headline-news/metropolitan-tikhon-welcomes-serbian-bishop-irinej-to-oca-chancery>

## **In Memoriam**

- **Priest Henry Paul Boisvert**, attached in retirement to the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Charlotte, NC, fell asleep in the Lord in Norfolk, VA December 2, 2016. ■ <https://oca.org/in-memoriam/priest-henry-paul-boisvert>
- **Archpriest Michael Soter**, retired pastor of Saint John the Baptist Church, South Boston, MA and Annunciation Church, Natick, MA, fell asleep in the Lord November 11, 2016. ■ <https://oca.org/in-memoriam/archpriest-michael-soter>
- **Matushka Anne Boisvert**, wife of Priest Henry Paul Boisvert, fell asleep in the Lord in Banner, NC August 31, 2016. ■ <https://oca.org/in-memoriam/matushka-anne-boisvert>