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ALASKA’S WONDERWORKING SITKA ICON TOURING EASTERN U.S. (+VIDEO)

At the invitation of the primate of the Orthodox Church in America, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon of Washington and All America and Canada, the wonderworking Sitka Icon of the Mother of God is visiting the capital city and several surrounding states.

The tour of the icon, led by His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka and Alaska, began on March 25 and continues through April 4.

“The icon, painted by the Russian Iconographer Vladimir Lukich Borovikvsky in the late 18th century in the ‘Kazan’ style, has had numerous miracles attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Sitka,” writes the OCA’s Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Every stop also features presentations by Bp. Alexei on the history and current needs of the Alaska Diocese.

In addition to OCA churches, the icon was also present at the St. John the Baptist Cathedral of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia in Washington on Saturday, March 30. Watch the Icon’s arrival at the cathedral:

The next morning, it was present at the OCA’s St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, where Met. Tikhon and Bp. Alexei concelebrated the Divine Liturgy.

Tomorrow, the Sitka Icon will again be present at the St. Nicholas Cathedral for a Presanctified Liturgy with the Holy Synod of Bishops.

Bp. Alexei also toured the Pacific Northwest with the Icon in the fall, with miraculous occurrences being reported all along the way.

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