A delegation of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad accompanying the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God "of the Sign" takes part in feastday celebrations of Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian in Kazakhstan



October 9, 2019, is the feast day of the repose of Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian and of St Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia. His Eminence Metropolitan Alexander of Astana and Kazakhstan celebrated Divine Liturgy at Ascension of the Lord Cathedral in Almaty.

The First Hierarch of the Orthodox Church of Kazakhstan was joined by a number of bishops, including His Grace Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, Vicar of the Eastern American Diocese and caretaker of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God "of the Sign."

The archpastors lifted prayers for the unity of Holy Orthodox Christianity, the

preservation of the Church from division and schism, and for peace in the internecine strife in Ukraine.

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