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His Holiness Patriarch Kirill and His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia hold telephone conversation



On 11th April 2020, the Lazarus Saturday, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia had a phone conversation.

The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church warmly greeted his brother with the Day of his Krsna Slava. The Patriarchs exchanged information about the spread of the coronavirus infection in the countries under the canonical jurisdiction of the Russian and the Serbian Orthodox Churches, as well as about the measures taken by the two Churches with the view of preventing further deterioration of the epidemiological situation. Under the current rather hazardous circumstances, both Churches are aware of their great responsibility for the spiritual, as well as physical health of their peoples, and therefore, are taking similar decisions, including calling upon the faithful to temporarily refrain from attending public divine services and to intensify their home prayers. As for the admission to churches, the two Patriarchates are following recommendations of the sanitary agencies. The Supreme Authorities of the two Churches encourage TV and Internet broadcasting of church services, which allows worshippers to join the Church in her prayer at this

time of compulsory lockdown.

The head of the Serbian Patriarchate told about the progress in the interior decoration works at the Cathedral of St. Sava in Belgrade, which had slowed down due to the spread of the epidemic.

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill and His Holiness Patriarch Irinej agreed to continue consultations in the spirit of fraternal love and mutual support, and wished each other spiritual joy in celebrating the Radiant Resurrection of Christ at this difficult time.

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