

RUSSIAN CHURCH CREATING DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF RUINED MONUMENTS OF CHURCH ARCHITECTURE



On Sunday, September 13, a moleben was held after the Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Holy Martyr Clement of Rome in Moscow on the occasion of the launch of significant new Church-wide project devoted to the many ruined churches and monasteries throughout Russia.

Following the decision of the Supreme Russian Church Council on April 17, 2019, and with the approval of the Russian Ministry of Culture, the Church has launched a program to digitally scan monuments of Church architecture in a state of disrepair and the creation of an all-Russian registry of such monuments, reports Patriarchia.ru.

The moleben was served on Sunday by Archpriest Leonid Kalinin, Chairman of the

Expert Council on Church Art, Architecture, and Restoration, and was attended by members of the group that initiated the project and representatives of companies operating in the market of the laser scanning of architectural objects.

Following the moleben, a working meeting was held to discuss issues related to the implementation of the program. The new resource should become a comprehensive and fundamental information base for architectural monuments and monumental art, as well as for the Church architecture of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The project will help assess the physical condition of various objects and will contribute to the preservation of spiritual values for future generations.

It will be funded through a non-profit charitable foundation with grants from the Ministry of Culture, donations from private companies and individuals, and the advertising budgets of various organizations that take an interest in preserving the spiritual and cultural values of the country.

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