

## The Holy Liturgy in the Church of St. Sava



**On the occasion of the repose of the Serbian Patriarch Irinej, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated in the memory church of St. Sava in Belgrade in Belgrade, while the body of Patriarch Irinej of blessed memory was laid in the centre of the large church.**

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His Eminence Metropolitan Hrisostom of Dabro-Bosnia, presided over the Liturgy, with the concelebration of the Most Reverend Metropolitans of Volokolamsk Hilarion

from the Moscow Patriarchate and Antony of Borispol and Brovary, from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate; His Beatitude Archbishop of Ohrid and the Metropolitan of Skopje Jovan; His Eminence Metropolitan Porfirije of Zagreb-Ljubljana; Their Garces Bishops: Jovan of Sumadija, Irinej of Backa, Pahomije of Vranje, Teodosije of Raska-Prizren, David of Krusevac, Ilarion of Timok, Arsenij of Nis, Dimitrije of Zaholm-Herzegovina, Anthony of Moravica, Isihije of Mohács, Methodije of Diocleia, clergy of the Serbian Orthodox Church and guests from other local Orthodox Churches, in the prayerful presence of His Grace Bishop Gregory of Düsseldorf and Germany, Stephen of Remesiana and Bishop emeritus Atnasije of Zaholm-Herzegovina. During the Holy Liturgy, His Grace Irinej, Bishop of Backa, held a sermon.

The highest representatives of the Serbian people from the homeland and all the regions where the Serbian people live attended the Funeral Rite of the Serbian Patriarch Irinej. The funeral Liturgy, Funeral Rite and Burial were attended by the President of the Republic of Serbia Aleksandar Vucic, Serbian Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Milorad Dodik, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia Ivica Dacic, Prime Minister of the Serbian Government Ana Brnabic, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Nebojsa Stefanovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs Nikola Selakovic, Minister of the Interior Aleksandar Vulin and other members of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, Chief of the General Staff of the Serbian Army General Milan Mojsilovic, Prime Minister-designate of Montenegro Zdravko Krivokapic, leaders of the Democratic Front of Montenegro Andrija Mandic and Milan Knezevic, Director of the Directorate for Cooperation with Churches and Religious Communities Dr. Mileta Radojevic, members of the Crown Council, representatives of the highest cultural, scientific and public institutions, members of the diplomatic corps, Apostolic Nuncio in Belgrade Archbishop Suriano Luciano, Roman-Catholic Archbishop of Belgrade Stanislav Hocevar, representatives of traditional Churches and religious communities in Serbia.

Members of the Serbian Army and Police, together with their people, honored the late Serbian Patriarch Irinej in the most dignified manner, thus confirming their unity with the Serbian Orthodox Church and testifying that together they are centuries-old, lasting and strongest pillars of the Serbian state. The Serbian Army guards carried the coffin with the body of the Patriarch of blessed memory and formed honorary lines both in front of the Cathedral and the Church of St. Sava.

A team of artists from the Russian Federation, headed by the prominent people's artist Nikolai Muhin, who for years under the watchful eye of the Patriarch

performed works on the interior decoration of the church of St. Sava, honored the Serbian Patriarch by their presence.

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