

Patriarch Neophyte - 8 years since his enthronement as Patriarch of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church



The Bulgarian Orthodox Church marks eight years since the election and enthronement of His Holiness Neophyte as Bulgarian Patriarch and metropolitan bishop of Sofia, the Holy Metropolis of Sofia has announced. To mark the occasion a divine liturgy will take place at the metropolitan cathedral Saint Nedelya.

On 24 February 2013 the Patriarchal election church council elected, by 90 votes, the metropolitan bishop of Ruse Neophyte, born Simeon Nikolov Dimitrov, as Patriarch of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. He was elected after the death, at the end of 2012, of Bulgarian Patriarch Maxim at the age of 98 – the last head of an Eastern Orthodox Church from the time of communism.

