

ANTIOCHIAN PATRIARCHATE HOSPITAL RECEIVES NEW MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FROM RUSSIAN CHURCH



With the support of the Russian Orthodox Church, the Al-Hosn Hospital in Homs, Syria, has received several pieces of new medical equipment.

The hospital, under the patronage of the Antiochian Orthodox Patriarchate, treats about 20,000 patients annually.

Artificial ventilation devices, X-ray equipment, and other medical equipment were delivered to the hospital by the Russian military in response to an appeal from His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, reports Patriarchia.ru.

“We are very grateful to the Russian people, Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Russian army, and Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu. We thank Patriarch John of Antioch and Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, who are working closely together, and as a result, serious assistance is being provided to our Christian communities in this difficult time,” said chief physician Khaled Yaziji.



Al-Hosn Hospital is located in the province of Homs—one of the most affected regions of Syria during the fighting. It specializes in emergency care and also has departments of general surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedic and plastic surgery, gastroenterology, internal diseases, pediatrics, gynecology, otolaryngology, ophthalmology, cardiology, oncology, neurology, and infectious diseases. The hospital employs 40 doctors, as well as 100 nurses and technicians.

With the help of patrons, the Patriarchate of Antioch built a new six-story building to increase the number of beds (50 people can now receive inpatient medical care there at the same time).

Thanks to the donated equipment, it will soon be possible to open a department of cardiac surgery and a catheterization laboratory at the hospital. Russian specialists will help Syrian doctors install and configure the new medical equipment.

In January, the Russian Church donated three new wheelchairs to the Amal School for Disabled Children in Damascus.

Earlier this month, the Zlatoust Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church delivered special equipment for the rehabilitation of children with disabilities to the “Hope” Department for the Rehabilitation of People with Disabilities.

