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Serbian Patriarch Porfirije visits the Diocese of Dalmatia



His Holiness Porfirije, Serbian Patriarch, arrived to visit the Diocese of Dalmatia on 9 May 2021. With great joy His Holiness Patriarch was welcomed by His Grace Bishop Nikodim of Dalmatia with the clergy.

After the solemn doxology in the Krka Monastery, Bishop Nikodim addressed words of welcome to His Holiness the Patriarch: “Your Holiness, on behalf of the faithful people, clergy and the monastics of the Diocese of Dalmatia we thank you for coming and for the effort with which you brought us, the Serbs in Croatia, back to the map of existence and made people know about us and that, after all the unpleasant events that took place in this area, they think of us and visit us, as You are doing it today. ”

“I want to wish you all the best in your work and that every blessing accompanies you, that you, as the head and spiritual father of all of us, inherit the Kingdom of Heaven and that we all rejoice when we meet together before the Lord,” Bishop Nikodim said.

“I am very happy that the seminary is functioning here and our attention and care will be especially focused on it. We think that it is a great blessing that it has been renewed, because here, on the springs of Orthodoxy, it is good that young people who are preparing for the priestly service are fed with the pure, clear water of tradition. I rejoice, truly overwhelmingly, also because whenever I came here looking at this earth and stone, listening to the chirping of birds, every time I felt

that God is ours and how much our faith is woven into every inch of this space. It always provoked in me, not only love for Dalmatia and the people in it, but it encouraged me to think deeply about the essence and meaning of our existence, the space itself directed me to God and our life in Him, “Patriarch Porfirije said.

After the service in the Krka Monastery, His Holiness Patriarch visited the churches of Sibenik, and ended his visit with a walk through the city which is the seat of the Diocese of Dalmatia.

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