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RUSSIAN TVER DIOCESE CELEBRATES 750TH ANNIVERSARY (+VIDEO)



Yesterday, September 15, the Tver Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church solemnly celebrated its 750th anniversary with the Divine Liturgy at Holy Transfiguration Cathedral.



The diocese is one of the five oldest in the Russian Church, founded in 1271. The original Transfiguration Cathedral was built in 1290 under the holy Prince-Passion-Bearer Michael of Tver, and served as the diocesan cathedral for seven centuries. It was blown up in 1935, but was rebuilt thanks to caring people and through the prayers of the many saints of the Tver lands, reports the Tver Diocese.



The service was celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Ambrose of Tver and Kashin together with a number of other visiting hierarchs and clerics.

Following the Gospel, Met. Ambrose offered a homily in which he focused on unity as a necessary factor in Christian living. “Only Christ can make all of us, so different so often weak in sin, into one… Through means of union with God Himself in the Mystery of His Body and Blood,” he said.

All the deceased hierarchs of Tver were commemorated in the litany for the reposed.

Watch a video of the service:

Following the service, a trapeza was offered for all in tents in the church yard. In the afternoon, a concert dedicated to the 750th anniversary of the diocese was held at the local drama theater.