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ANTIOCHIAN, RUSSIAN, SERBIAN HIERARCHS CONCELEBRATE IN ARGENTINA



On Sunday, January 23, hierarchs of three Local Churches came together to concelebrate the Divine Liturgy in the house Church of St. Alexander Nevsky in Buenos Aires.

The Liturgy was celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Santiago of Buenos Aires and All Argentina (Antiochian), His Grace Bishop Leonid of Argentina and South America (Russian), His Grace Bishop John of Caracas and South America (ROCOR), and His Grace Bishop Kirilo of Buenos Aires and South-Central America (Serbian), reports the local Russian diocese.

Following the dismissal, the troparion, kontakion and magnification for the feast of Theophany were sung, then Bp. Kirilo read a prayer to St. Theophan the Recluse, whose feast day it was.

In his address, Bp. Leonid noted his joy that the hierarchs were finally able to get together after many delays last year, and he presented each bishop with an icon of

St. Alexander Nevsky, whose 800th anniversary was celebrated by the Russian Church last year.

In his address, Met. Santiago emphasized that “the fraternal relations between the Moscow, Antiochian, and Serbian Patriarchates are very old and very deep.”

Orthodox calendars for 2022, printed with the blessing of Bp. Kirilo, were presented to all as they kissed the cross at the end of the service.

In November 2020, Met. Santiago, Bp. John, and Bp. Kirilo were joined by Metropolitan Joseph of the Patriarchate of Constantinople in issuing a strong pro-life message against a then proposed bill to legalize abortion.

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