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## **Serbian Patriarch Irinej solemnly welcomed in Gracanica monastery**



After touching encounters with the Serbs in Strpce and Kosovsko Pomoravlje, His Holiness Patriarch visited the Gracanica Monastery on 16 April 2019.

Serbian Patriarch Irinej was solemnly greeted in Gracanica monastery by Bishop Teodosije of Raska-Prizren with abbess Stephanida as well as the sisterhood of the Gracanica.

Following the prayer in the church of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Serbian Patriarch met with a great group of children and the faithful from Gracanica and its area and addressed to them words of encouragement and hope, and presented them small icons.

The Primate of the Serbian Church had conversations with the abbess and representatives of the Municipality of Gracanica.

In the evening the Serbian Patriarch Irinej, accompanied by Bishop Teodosije, arrived to the Banjska Monastery in Northern Kosovo and Metochia, where he was welcomed by Archimandrite Danilo with his brotherhood and the faithful of that area.







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