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His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel meets with Serbian Foreign Minister Selaković



His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel welcomed His Excellency Nikola Selaković, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, who is paying an official visit to Romania, at the Patriarchal Palace on June 27, 2022.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Patriarch of Romania expressed his joy to have as his guest the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia and underlined the importance that the two sister Orthodox Churches – the Romanian Orthodox Church and the Serbian Orthodox Church – have had in the history and spirituality of the two neighbouring and friendly peoples.

His Beatitude also expressed the hope to intensify spiritual and cultural ties between the two Churches and peoples and appreciated the openness to dialogue of the His Beatitude Serbian Patriarch Porfirije.

His Excellency Mr Nikola Selaković thanked for the warm welcome and noted that the meeting with the Romanian Patriarch was a blessing at the beginning of his visit to Romania.

At the same time, His Excellency conveyed greetings on behalf of Patriarch Porfirije

and the President of Serbia, His Excellency Mr Aleksandar Vučić, highlighting the spiritual renewal of the Romanian Orthodox Church during the stewardship of Patriarch Daniel.

The Serbian Foreign Minister expressed the Serbian state's gratitude for Romania's support for Serbia's territorial integrity.

Furthermore, His Excellency mentioned the solving of the church schism in the Republic of North Macedonia, for which the Romanian Patriarch expressed his joy at the reconciliation between the Serbian Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Church of the Republic of North Macedonia.

During the talks, the Patriarch of Romania stressed the importance of the exchange of theology students in strengthening fraternal ties between the two Orthodox Churches, as well as the pilgrimages organised by the Serbian faithful, in particular to the relics of the Saint Parascheva of Iași, who is much loved by the Serbian



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