



Believers urge to make Orthodox Nativity a day-off in USA

Signatures under the corresponding petition are collected at the White House website, press service of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad reports.

Authors of the petition say that each year on January 7 Orthodox believers are forced to find an excuse for a day-off or take a medical certificate to attend the divine service. Students miss lectures, while representatives of other confessions have a legal leave.

They need to collect 100,000 signatures till February 5.

There are parishes of various local Orthodox Churches and over a million Orthodox believers in the USA.