



A Sculpture of the Apostle Andrew is Erected in Valaam

The monument was consecrated by Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, who is currently on a pilgrimage to the Valaam archipelago, related Interfax-Religion.

The fact that a monument to St. Andrew is on the Valaam Island is no accident. According to tradition, during the spread of Christianity, the Apostle passed the Dnieper and Volkhov, entered the “stormy and whirling waters of Lake Nevo,” and erected a stone cross on the “mountains of Valaam.”

The idea for the monument came on the eve of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Russia.

The monument was created by the famous Russian sculptor, Andrei Klykov, in the workshop of the national artist of Russia, Vyacheslav Klykov.

The monument was set on a marble pedestal at the entrance to the Valaam Monastery. The sculpture is completed in the form of St. Andrew’s cross: two intersecting lines. The sculpture is made of bronze. Its height is 3 meters 60 cm (4 meters with the pedestal).