



The First Hierarchy of the Russian Church Abroad Makes an Archpastoral Visit to Nicaragua

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On November 12-14, 2012, His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarchy of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, visited Nicaragua. The main goal of the visit was to meet with clergymen and Orthodox faithful in the nation.

After his arrival, at a press conference, His Eminence noted: “I am making my first visit to Nicaragua on church matters, since many Orthodox Christians have settled here. Our parish here is headed by Hieromonk German (Castro). Nicaragua is a very good country, a country of light, and the people in this nation are kind and very attentive, living with great hopes for the future. It is very important that a parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia is opening here. At the present time, there are some 200 Orthodox believers living in Nicaragua. Our parish is located in Camoapa, but another will soon be established in Managua.”

In addition to meetings with clergymen and parishioners, a visit is also planned with Monsignor Leopoldo Brenes, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church, and his aide, Monsignor Silvio Jose Baez Ortega. During their meeting they will share opinions on the problems affecting all Christians in Nicaragua.



Commenting on the visit of the First Hierarch to this nation, Mr AA Melik-Shakhnazarov, representative of the Russian agency Rossotrudnichestvo stressed that “it is very important for Orthodox Christians living in Nicaragua. They have new hope that the Church has not forgotten them, and they can turn to her for help in moments of need.”

As he bade farewell to Fr German and his parishioners, His Eminence promised to visit them again next year.

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