

[September 8, 2015] On Tuesday, September 8, His Holiness Patriarch Ireney of Serbia visited Holy Virgin Cathedral. He was greeted by clergy of the San Francisco Deanery and the singing of the Cathedral Choir. His Holiness greeted Archbishop Kyrill, clergy and parishioners and then venerated and prayed before the relics of St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco. Patriarch Ireney exchanged greetings with Archbishop Kyrill and then Vladika Kyrill conferred the Order of St. John upon His Holiness. The Patriarch of Serbia presented Archbishop Kyrill with an icon of St. Nikolai of Ochrid. Following prayers at the cathedral the Patriarch and delegation of about 25 bishops, clergymen, professors, theology students and Bay Area Serbian Church representatives took part in a meal prepared by the Holy Virgin Cathedral Sisterhood. This was His Holiness' third visit to the Holy Virgin Cathedral, the first as Patriarch.