

Hieromartyr Philip the Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia

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Saint Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow, in the world Theodore, was descended from the illustrious noble lineage of the Kolichevi, occupying a prominent place in the Boyar дума at the court of the Moscow sovereigns. He was born in the year 1507. His father, Stephen Ivanovich, «a man enlightened and filled with military spirit,» attentively prepared his son for government service. Theodore's pious mother Barbara, who ended her days as a nun with the name Barsanouphia, implanted in the soul of her son a sincere faith and deep piety. Young Theodore Kolichev applied himself diligently to the Holy Scripture and to the writings of the holy Fathers. The

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