



## **Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk meets with the Chairman of the Russian Association for Religious Freedom**



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On the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, met with Sergey A. Melnikov, Chairman of the Russian Association for the Protection of Religious Freedom (RAPRF).

Archpriest Sergiy Zvonarev, DECR secretary for far-abroad countries affairs, and P.V. Lebedev, head of the department for work with state structures of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media, attended the meeting.

During the conversation, Mr Melnikov spoke about the establishment and activities of the RAPRF. The parties also discussed various cooperation issues.

In recognition of his work for the development of peaceful ethno-confessional relations, S.A. Melnikov was given a Patriarchal Award.

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