



## **Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk holds a meeting with Serbian ambassador to Russia**

On October 13, 2020, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations (DECR), met with the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Serbia to Russia, H. E. Miroslav Lazanski.

Participating in the meeting were also Archpriest Sergiy Zvonarev, DECR secretary for the far abroad, and Ms. Maria Radovic, assistant to the Serbian ambassador.

The archpastor warmly welcomed the guest to the synodal department responsible for the external contacts of the Russian Church. Mr. Lazanski, in his turn, thanked Metropolitan Hilarion for the audience.

The participants attested to the close historical ties between the Russian and the Serbian Orthodox Churches and the peoples of the two countries.

Metropolitan Hilarion and Mr. Lazanski discussed the completion of the work to adorn the Cathedral of St. Sava in Belgrade.

They also touched upon problems involved in the status of old Serbian Orthodox churches and monasteries in Kosovo.

The church hierarch assured his guest of the readiness to develop constructive relations with the Serbian diplomatic mission in Moscow.

In conclusion, the sides exchanged tokens of the meeting.

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