



**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
Department for External Church Relations

## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill chairs regular session of Supreme Church Council**

On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, in the Hall of Supreme Church Council of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour in Moscow, the Supreme Church Council of the Russian Orthodox Church held its regular session under the chairmanship of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia.

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill delivered an opening address.

The Supreme Church Council chaired by the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church consists of:

- Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations;
- Metropolitan Dionisy of Voskresensk, chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate;
- Metropolitan Clement of Kaluga and Borovsk, chairman of the Publishing Council of the Russian Orthodox Church;
- Metropolitan Ioann of Belgorod and Sary Oskol, chairman of the Synodal Department for

Mission;

- Metropolitan Merkurs of Rostov and Novocherkassk, chairman of the Synodal Department for Religious Education and Catechization;
- Metropolitan Kirill of Stavropol and Nevinnomyssk, chairman of the Synodal Department for Relations with the Cossacks;
- Metropolitan Ignaty of Vologda and Kirillov, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Finance and Economic Administration;
- Metropolitan Mitrofan of Murmansk and Monchegorsk, chairman of the Patriarchal Commission for Physical Culture and Sport;
- Metropolitan Tikhon of Pskov and Porkhov, chairman of the Patriarchal Council for Culture;
- Metropolitan Antony of Korsun and Western Europe, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Administration for Institutions Abroad;
- Archbishop Feognost of Kashira, chairman of the Synodal Department for Monasteries and Monasticism;
- Bishop Irinarkh of Krasnogorsk, head of the Synodal Department for Prison Ministry;
- Bishop Panteleimon of Orekhovo-Zuevo, chairman of the Synodal Department for Church Charity and Social Ministry;
- Bishop Foma of Pavlovsky Posad, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Administrative Secretariat;
- Bishop Serafim of Istra, chairman of the Synodal Department for Youth Affairs;
- Bishop Stefan of Klin, chairman of the Synodal Department for Cooperation with the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies;
- Archpriest Maxim Kozlov, chairman of the Holy Synod's Education Committee;
- Archpriest Dimitry Smirnov, chairman of the Patriarchal Commission for Family and Protection of Motherhood; and
- Mr. Vladimir Legoida, chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media.

Taking part in the session were also Bishop Nikolai of Balashikha, head and editor-in-chief of the Moscow Patriarchate's Publishing House; Bishop Foma of Bronnitsy, first deputy chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Finance and Economic Administration; Bishop Savva of Zelenograd, deputy chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate; Hegumeness Ksenia (Chernega), head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Legal Administration; Archpriest Mikhail Vakhrushev, first deputy chairman of the Education Committee of the Russian Orthodox Church; Rev. Alexander Satrodubtsev, specialist on distance education technologies of the Education Committee of the Russian Orthodox Church; and Mr. Aleksandr Schipkov, first deputy chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media.

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