## Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk presents DECR medal to the first rector of the OCA Representation in Moscow

On 10 December 2019, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, presented a medal of St. Mark of Ephesus, 1<sup>st</sup> class, the highest departmental DECR award, to Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak, the first rector of the Representation of the Orthodox Church in America in Moscow. Present was the OCA official delegation led by Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada.

In his welcome remarks Metropolitan Hilarion underscored the labours of Father Daniel as the first rector of the Representation and wished him good and strong health, God's aid in his labours and many years of life.

Protopresbyter Daniel Gubiak cordially thanked Metropolitan Hilarion for the award and shared his warm reminiscences of his stay in Moscow.

Congratulating Protopresbyter Daniel were members of the OCA delegation, DECR deputy chairman Archpriest Nikolai Balashov and Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR secretary for inter-Orthodox relations.

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