



## **Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk meets with heads of Archdioceses of Constantinople and Antioch in North America**

On 23 October 2019, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR), currently on a working visit to the USA, visited the residence of Metropolitan Joseph of North America, head of the Antiochian Archdiocese in the USA, and met with him and with Metropolitan Elpidophoros, head of the American Archdiocese of the Patriarchate of Constantinople.

The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America reports:

“At the invitation of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America (Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America-Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East), Their Eminences Archbishop Elpidophoros of America (Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America-Ecumenical Patriarchate) and Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk and Chairman of the Department of External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate met at the headquarters of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

After a lunch offered by Metropolitan Joseph, the three hierarchs met privately to exchange views on the current inter-Orthodox situation. At the end of the meeting the two visiting hierarchs exchanged memorable gifts.”