DECR chairman greets Primate of the Orthodox Church of Antioch on his name day

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate department for external church relations (DECR), has sent a message of greeting to His Beatitude John X, Patriarch of Great Antioch and All the East, on the occasion of his name day. The messages reads:

Your Beatitude,

I cordially greet you on the commemoration day of your heavenly patron – St. John the Theologian.

In carrying out your lofty service as Primate of the Orthodox Church of Antioch, you seek to rely in everything on God Who has called you to *the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ* (Eph. 4:12). Inspired by the example of the virtuous life of Christ's beloved disciple, you edify the people of God entrusted to your care in *righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness* (1 Tim. 6:11).

Allow me to wish Your Beatitude good health, long life and beneficial help of God in performing your Primatial feat and in all your Primatial work and to wish well-being and prosperity to the Christ-loving flock of the Patriarchate of Antioch.

With respectful love in the Lord,

+ Hilarion

Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations

Moscow Patriarchate

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