



His Holiness Patriarch Kirill chairs session of the Supreme Church Council



On 13 June 2019, a session of the Supreme Church Council of the Russian Orthodox Church took place at the Supreme Church Council's Hall of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour under chairmanship of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia.

The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church addressed those gathered and dwelt on the key problems of the parish work with young children and adolescents.

The Supreme Church Council chaired by His Holiness the Patriarch consists of

- Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations;
- Metropolitan Savva of Tver and Kashin, chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate;
- Metropolitan Clement of Kaluga and Borovsk, chairman of the Publishing Council of the Russian Orthodox Church;

- Metropolitan Arseny of Istra, first Patriarchal vicar for Moscow;
- Metropolitan Ioann of Belgorod and Stary Oskol, chairman of the Synodal Department for Mission;
- Metropolitan Merkury of Rostov and Novocherkassk, chairman of the Synodal Department for Religious Education and Catechization;
- Metropolitan Sergy of Singapore and Southeast Asia, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Administrative Secretariat;
- 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 Sports;
- 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;
- Archimandrite Stefan (Privalov), chairman of the Synodal Department for Cooperation with the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies;
- Archpriest Maxim Kozlov, chairman of the Education Committee of the Russian Orthodox Church;
- Archpriest Dimitry Smirnov, chairman of the Patriarchal Commission for Family and Protection of Motherhood and Childhood;
- Archpriest Kirill Sladkov, acting chairman of the Synodal Department for Youth Affairs;
- Mr. Vladimir Legoida, chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media.

Attending the session were Bishop Nikolai of Balashikha, head and chief editor of the Moscow Patriarchate's Publishing House; Bishop Dionisy of Voskresensk, first deputy chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate; Bishop Foma of Pavlovsky Posad, first deputy chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Finance and Economic Administration; Bishop Savva of Zelenograd, deputy chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate; Rev. Alexander Volkov, head of the Press Service of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia; Hegumeness Ksenia (Chernega), head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Legal Service; and Mr. A.Schipkov, first deputy chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media.

Invited to the session were Rev. Alexander Starodubtsev, expert of the Education Committee of the Russian Orthodox Church on distance learning technology; and S. Gimonov, IT expert of the Education Committee of the Russian Orthodox Church.