

The Sixth International Patristic Conference on St. Basil the Great in the Theological Tradition of East and West completed its work in the CMI



From April 11-12, 2019, the Sixth International Patristic Conference, devoted to the legacy of St. Basil the Great, was held at the Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute of Post-Graduate Studies (CMI). In its eighth issue sections, leading specialists in patristics, liturgics and the history of the Early Church presented papers on the theological, exegetical, liturgical and ascetic teaching of St. Basil the Great.

At the closing session, Bishop Irenaeus of Sacramento, vicar of the Russian Church Outside Russia's diocese of America, professor at the University of Oxford, Great Britain, summed up the results of the conference. He gave a high value to the international theological-patristic forum held in the CMI at which a fruitful exchange took place between scholars from various countries and representatives of Christian Churches in East and West.

On behalf of the participants in the conference, Bishop Irenaeus thanked the CMI rector, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, for his initiative to hold annual patristic conferences to give specialists in patristic studies a unique opportunity for meeting and discussing topical matters concerning studies into the legacy of a particular father of the Church.

The forum agreed to prepare a collection of papers on various topics concerning the biography, works and theological teaching of St. Basil the Great.

The conference concluded on April 13 with the Divine Liturgy celebrated in the church of Our Lady the Joy to All the Afflicted-in-Bolshaya Ordynka. The liturgy was presided over by Metropolitan Hilarion.

After the liturgy, the guests were invited to a lunch in the course of which they had an opportunity to continue discussing the results of the forum.

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