



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's condolences over the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent a message of condolences to Archbishop of Paris, Michel Aupetit, over the fire that broke out at the Notre Dame Cathedral on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.*

**HIS EMINENCE MICHEL AUPETIT**

**ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS**

**Your Eminence,**

It grieved me deeply to learn about the devastating fire that inflicted enormous damage on the Notre-Dame Cathedral – a venerated shrine of the Roman Catholic Church in France.

I empathise with you, your flock and all those holding dear this masterpiece of Christian architecture which occupies a special place among the architectural world heritage sites.

I am lifting up my prayers unto the Lord that He may help overcome aftermaths of the fire and restore the cathedral to its former splendour in the near future. It is my hope that the joint efforts of the Church, the state and all the concerned people will be crowned with success.

With love in Christ,

**+KIRILL**

**PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA**