



## **6th International Patristic Conference on Saint Basil the Great in the Theological Tradition of the East and the West opens in Moscow**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, an opening ceremony of the 6<sup>th</sup> International Patristic Conference on Saint Basil the Great in the Theological Tradition of the East and the West took place at the Assembly Hall of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk greeted all those present, telling about the previous patristic conferences organized by the Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies.

Among those who spoke at the opening ceremony were also Bishop Irenei of Richmond and Western Europe (Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia) and Msgr. Francesco Braschi, director of the Slavic Studies Department of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana.

Delivering addresses at the first plenary session of the conference were Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, rector of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies; Bishop Irenei of Richmond and Western Europe; and Msgr. Francesco Braschi. Metropolitan Hilarion spoke on The Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in the Context of His Theological Ideas.

A number of sessions will take place within the framework of the conference, dedicated to the theological, exegetic, liturgical and ascetic heritage of St. Basil the Great.

The conference will conclude its work on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

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