



## **A boarding school in Damascus receives aid from Russian religious communities**

The administration of the Damascus boarding school for children of deceased Syrian servicemen sent a letter to the chairman of the Department for External Church Relations, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, expressing their gratitude for the aid delivered to the school before the New Year celebrations.

In response to the school's request, with the blessing of Metropolitan Hilarion, on New Year's eve the interreligious Working Group for Rendering Aid to the Population of Syria of the Council for Cooperation with Religious Associations of the President of the Russian Federation, with the assistance of the Arabian Diaspora Regional Non-Governmental Organization, supplied with warm flooring the school's classrooms and rooms in which pupils live.

The letter noted timeliness of this action, as well as of the deliverance of warm clothes for the pupils during Metropolitan Hilarion's visit to Damascus in November 2018.

The administration of the school thanked the Russian religious communities and all those who took part in this project and emphasized that the aid rendered by the Russian faithful to the Syrian brothers strengthens the historical ties of friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

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