

## Metropolitan Hilarion meets with Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the State of Israel



On 10 January 2019, Metropolitan Hilarion, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, currently on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, met with H.E. Alexander Viktorov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the State of Israel.

They were joined in the meeting, which took place at the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, by Archimandrite Alexander (Yelisov), head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission, and Mr. Ivan Kurovskiy, counselor for economic affairs of the Russian Embassy.

Discussed were matters of mutual interest. After the exchange of memorable gifts Archimandrite Alexander gave a luncheon in honour of the guests.