



DECR chairman sends message of greetings to His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia on the Day of Krsna Slava

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, greeted the Primate of the Serbian Orthodox Church with Krsna Slava. The text of the letter is given below.

Your Holiness,

Please accept my heartfelt greetings with the Day of Krsna Slava.

The Lazarus Saturday, when Your Holiness celebrates Krsna Slava, is a special feast which at the end of Lent leads the faithful into the Holy Week and the Holy Pascha of Christ.

The marvellous story of the raising of the Righteous Lazarus from the dead reveals the love for humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ the Perfect Man Who sympathizes over the loss and the Perfect God Who brings the man back to life. When we hear how the Lord “comes, by His word to bring... dead brother to life” (Sticheron at Vespers), our heart fills with the aspiration of resurrection.

May “Christ the Joy, the Truth and the Light of all” (Kontakion of the Lazarus Saturday) grant unto Your Holiness peace, abundant spiritual joy and bodily strength for many and good years of your Patriarchal service.

With respectful love in the Lord,