



**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
Department for External Church Relations

## **Deputy Minister of Education and Science hands over to Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk certificate of state accreditation of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies**



On 15 February 2018, Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, after the Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist in-the-Woods, a ceremony of handing over of the certificate of state accreditation to Ss. Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies took place at the assembly hall of the Theological Institute.

Among those in attendance were Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, rector of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute; Mr. Sergei Kravtsov, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, head of the Federal Service for Supervision in Education and Science; rectors of several higher education institutions; as well as scholars, academicians and staff members, faculty and students of the Theological Institute.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk opened the ceremony, saying:

“Today, on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, we have gathered together in the assembly hall of the Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies on an important and joyous occasion – the state accreditation of our theological school’s educational activities. By the order of the Federal Service for Supervision in Education and Science and at the results of the examination by a commission of experts, the Theological Institute of Postgraduate Studies in its activities satisfies the demanding requirements of state standards. We have confirmed our right to provide education in theology at two highest educational levels, master’s and post-graduate’s, and we have the right to award diplomas of the established state standard. Postgraduate students who will complete their studies will defend their theses in the Dissertation Council for Theology.”

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