



## His Holiness Patriarch Kirill chairs session of the Supreme Church Council



On 25 July 2017, a regular session of the Supreme Church Council of the Russian Orthodox Church began its work at the Hall of the Supreme Church Council at the Church of Christ the Saviour in Moscow under the chairmanship of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia.

His Holiness opened the meeting and delivered an address on the main item of the agenda – mission among the youth.

The agenda also includes such topics as the implementation of the resolutions of the Supreme Church Council of the Russian Orthodox Church and of the Bishops' Council as well as some others.

The Supreme Church Council chaired by His Holiness the Patriarch consists of:

- Metropolitan Varsonofy of St. Petersburg and Ladoga, chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate;

- Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations;
- Metropolitan Clement of Kaluga and Borovsk, chairman of the ROC Publishing Council;
- Metropolitan Arseny of Istra, the first vicar of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia for the city of Moscow
- Metropolitan Ioann of Belgorod and Stary Oskol, chairman of the Synodal Department for Mission;
- Metropolitan Merkury of Rostov and Novocherkassk, chairman of the Synodal Department for Education and Catechization;
- Metropolitan Mark of Ryazan and Mikhailov, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Finance and Economic Administration;
- Metropolitan Kirill of Stavropol and Nevinnomyssk, chairman of the Synodal Department for Relations with the Cossacks;
- Archbishop Yevgeny of Vereya, chairman of the Holy Synod's Education Committee;
- Archbishop Feognost of Sergiev Posad, chairman of the Synodal Department for Monasteries and Monasticism;
- Archbishop Sergy of Solnechnogorsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Administrative Secretariat;
- Bishop Irinarkh of Krasnogorsk, head of the Synodal Department for Prison Ministry;
- Bishop Panteleimon of Orekhovo-Zuevo, chairman of the Synodal Department for Church Charity and Social Ministry;
- Bishop Tikhon of Yegorievsk, chairman of the Patriarchal Council for Culture;
- Bishop Antony of Bogorodsk, head of the Administration of the Moscow Patriarchate's Institutions Abroad;
- Bishop Serafim of Lubertsy, chairman of the Synodal Department for Youth Affairs;
- Archpriest Sergy Privalov, chairman of the Synodal Department for Cooperation with the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies;
- Archpriest Dimitry Smirnov, chairman of the Patriarchal Commission for Family and Protection of Motherhood and Childhood;
- Mr. Vladimir Legoida, chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media.

Invited to attend the session were Bishop Savva of Voskresensk, first deputy chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate; Archimandrite Savva (Tutunov), deputy chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate; Archpriest Leonid Kalinin, chairman of the Expert council for church art, architecture and restoration; and Mr. A.Schipkov, first deputy chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media.

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