



## **The Fourth International Patristic Conference on St. Ephrem the Syrian completes its work at the Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute of Post-Graduate Studies**

The Fourth International Patristic Conference on St. Ephrem the Syrian and His Spiritual Legacy has completed its work at the Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute of Post-Graduate Studies (CMI).

During six plenary sessions, leading specialists in patristics, Syriac studies and history of the Early Church read papers on St. Ephrem's theological and ascetic teaching, textology of his works and various problems concerning studies and publication of his extensive literary legacy in Syriac and other languages.

The conference worked in the Russian and English languages.

Summing up the results of the conference at its closing session, Bishop Irenaeus of Sacramento, Vicar of the Western American Diocese, Russian Church Outside Russia, professor at the University of Oxford, gave a high values to the international theological and patristic forum held at the CMI, which enabled scholars from various countries and representatives of Christian churches in East and West to have a fruitful exchange of opinions.

On behalf of all the participants in the conference Bishop Irenaeus thanked the DECR chairman and CMI rector Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk for the initiative of holding annual patristic conferences which give specialists in patristics a unique opportunity for meeting and discussing topical questions concerning studies in the legacy of a particular Father of the Church.

It was agreed to prepare a collection of materials devoted to various aspects of St. Ephrem's biography, works and theological teaching.

Metropolitan Hilarion chaired the meeting of the organizing committee for the Fifth Patristic Conference to be held on the theological legacy of the Holy Martyr Irenaeus of Lyons, which will be held in April 2018 at the CMI.

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