



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's greetings to French president-elect Emmanuel Macron**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent a message of greetings to Mr. Emmanuel Macron with his election as President of the French Republic.*

**Mr. Emmanuel Macron**

**President-Elect**

**French Republic**

Dear Mr. Macron,

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your victory in the presidential elections in France.

Your compatriots pin considerable hopes on you with regard to the promotion of social and economic stability and preservation of historical cultural traditions. It is particularly important for people nowadays to feel protected from the manifestations of extremism and terrorism.

It is my hope that under your presidential guidance the development of inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue will continue with the view of promoting peace and accord in society. I would like to assure you that the Russian Orthodox Church is always open to cooperation in this good endeavour.

I wish you good health, God's help and every success in your service to France and its people.

Yours faithfully,

**+KIRILL**

**PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA**