President Putin’s congratulations to Patriarch Kirill on his 70th birthday

The President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin has congratulated His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia on his 70th birthday.

To Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia

Your Holiness,

I cordially congratulate you on your 70th birthday. You have devoted many years to the selfless service of the Russian Orthodox Church, to the firm defense of its values and ideals. Your tireless concerns for the preservation of Russia’s unique historical, cultural and spiritual heritage, your support for the institution of the family and education of the younger generation have gained you the sincerest respect. And certainly, I will make a special mention of the great contribution you have made to the development of interreligious and inter-ethnic dialogue, to the consolidation of peace and social accord in our country. I wish you, Your Holiness, good health, spiritual strength and energy for the realization of your plans.

V. Putin

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