



## **Patriarch Kirill's message of greeting to Primate of Georgian Orthodox Church on the occasion of his name day**

*On August 2, when the memory of the Holy Prophet Elias is celebrated, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has sent the following congratulatory message to His Holiness and Beatitude Catholicos-Patriarch Iliya II:*

**Your Holiness and Beatitude,**

**Beloved in the Lord Brother and Concelebrant:**

Kindly accept my congratulations on the commemoration day of the glorious Elias the prophet of the great deeds of our God and your intercessor at the throne of the Heavenly King.

Holding firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught (cf. Tit. 1:9), you instruct the verbal sheep of Christ in the faith and devotion, seeking to reveal your image of a true spiritual father, merciful, loving and fair.

I prayerfully wish Your Holiness and Beatitude spiritual and physical strength and God's abundant help in your work for the good of the Georgian Church and the entire Orthodoxy.

With brotherly love in the Lord,

**+ KIRILL**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**