



THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
Department for External Church Relations

DECR chairman sends greetings to His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana and All Albania on his Name Day

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, greeted the Primate of the Albanian Orthodox Church with the commemoration day of his heavenly patron, the Monk Martyr Anastasius.

His Beatitude ANASTASIOS

Archbishop of Tirana and All Albania

Your Beatitude,

Please accept my respectful greetings with the commemoration day of the Monk Martyr Anastasius, a great saint pleasing unto God and your heavenly patron.

Performing the lofty ministry of the First Hierarchy of the Albanian Orthodox Church, you make a considerable contribution to the strengthening of peace and accord in Albania. Zealously *stirring up the gift of God* (2 Tim 1:6), you follow humbly the path of Primatial ministry, teaching the faithful children of the Holy Church of Christ by an example of your pious life to act in accordance with the words of the Apostle to the Gentiles, *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord* (Rom 12:10-11).

I wholeheartedly wish Your Beatitude joy and peace in the Lord, spiritual and physical health and abundant blessings from Christ Our Saviour.

With respectful love in the Lord

/+Hilarion/

Metropolitan of Volokolamsk

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