



Patriarch Kirill's congratulations to Primate of the Georgian Orthodox Church

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has sent the following congratulatory message to His Holiness and Beatitude Patriarch-Catholikos Iliya II on the occasion of the anniversary of his enthronement:

Your Holiness and Beatitude

Dear Brother and Concelebrant beloved in the Lord:

Kindly accept my cordial congratulations on the anniversary of your Patriarchal enthronement.

Performing you primatial ministry for long years, you, according to St. Paul, *do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth* (2 Tim. 2:15), to which the clergy and flock entrusted to your care respond with sincere love and gratitude.

From my heart I wish that Your Holiness and Beatitude may be strengthened in your work for the benefit of the Orthodox Church through *the grace given us in Christ Jesus our Saviour, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel* (2 Tim. 1:9-10).

With brotherly love in the Lord,

+ KIRILL

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia