



## **DECR chairman meets with Slovenia's Ambassador to Russia and president of Slovenia-Russia Friendship Association**



On 7 December 2015, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, met with H.E. Primož Šeligo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Slovenia to the Russian Federation, and Mr. Saša Geržina, president of Slovenia-Russia Friendship Association, first Slovenia's Ambassador to Russia.

Representing the Department for External Church Relations at the meeting were also Archpriest Sergiy Zvonarev, Secretary for Far Abroad Countries, and Hierodeacon Roman (Kiselev), a staff member of the Secretariat for Far Abroad Countries. Among those who took part in the meeting were also Ms Gabi Matkovič, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Slovenia in Russia, and Mr. Urban Ocvirk, assistant to the president of the Slovenia-Russia Friendship Association.

Metropolitan Hilarion warmly greeted the guests at the Synodal institution responsible for international

contacts of the Russian Orthodox Church. The participants in the meeting discussed the preparation of a jubilee memorial ceremony, which will take place on the Vršič Pass in late July 2016, and will mark the centenary of the foundation of the Russian Chapel of the Holy Prince Vladimir, constructed in commemoration of the Russian soldiers who had died there during the First World War.

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