



## **DECR chairman greets His Beatitude Archbishop Chrysostomos of Cyprus with anniversary of his enthronement and Nameday**

*Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, has sent the following congratulatory message to His Beatitude Chrysostomos II, Archbishop of New Justiniana and All Cyprus:*

Your Beatitude:

Please accept my respectful greetings with an anniversary of Your election and enthronement to the See of Archbishops of Cyprus and with the commemoration day of Your heavenly patron, St. John Chrysostom.

You have been watching for the souls (cf. Heb 13:17) entrusted to Your care for nine years, and the ancient Church of Cyprus has been rejoicing in hearing the voice of her archpastor (cf. Jn 10:3). It is with dignity that you continue traditions of Your predecessors defending interests of the people of Cyprus in trials and against challenges of the time. You extend Your care to the Russian-speaking communities that came into being during last decades on the ancient Christian land of Cyprus, and we are particularly grateful to You for this care.

Sharing the joy of the Holy Church of Cyprus on these festive days, I prayerfully wish Your Beatitude the strengthening God's grace in Your noble and responsible primatial ministry of the head of the Christ-loving flock of Cyprus.

With respect and love in the Lord,

**+ Hilarion**

**Metropolitan of Volokolamsk**

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