



## **DECR chairman sends greetings to the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Alexandria with an anniversary of his election to the Patriarchal Throne**

*Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, sent greetings to His Beatitude Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, with an anniversary of his election to the Patriarchal Throne. The text is given below.*

Your Beatitude:

Please accept my respectful greetings with the anniversary of Your election to the Apostolic Throne of the Primate of the Church of Alexandria.

During the years you spent with the Russian Orthodox Church when You performed responsible ministry of a representative of His Beatitude Patriarch of Alexandria to the Moscow Patriarchal Throne, Russia and her pious people have become dear to Your heart. And even now< Your Beatitude, You have a special killing and love of Russian Orthodoxy.

As You pay visits to the Russian Orthodox Church, both to the capital city of our country and to its distant regions, You are always met with reciprocal love and profound respect of archpastors, clerics and many lay believers of our Church who greet you as a high and welcome guest.

On this remarkable day, sharing the delight of the Plenitude of the Church of Alexandria, I prayerfully wish Your beatitude good health, inexhaustible spiritual joy and blessed success in Your primatial ministry and mission work.

With respect and love in the Lord,

**+ Hilarion**

**Metropolitan of Volokolamsk**

**Chairman**

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