



DECR chairman's condolences over the death of Yevgeny Primakov

In connection with the death of Yevgeny M. Primakov, the Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations (DECR), Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, has sent the following message of condolences to the widow of the deceased:

Dear Irina Borisovna,

Kindly accept my sincere condolences over the death of Yevgeny Maksimovich Primakov.

The deceased was one of the outstanding Russian statesmen. His service as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the Russian Government fell on one of the most difficult periods in the modern history of our country. Thanks in many ways to the exceptional professionalism and personal wisdom of Yevgeny Maksimovich, Russia managed to overcome the hard trials with dignity.

Yevgeny Maksimovich is known among people as a true patriot, a man of duty and honour who did much to strengthen church-state relations.

I pray to the All-Merciful Lord that He may give rest to the soul of God's servant Yevgeny in the dwellings of the righteous.

In these days of grief, I wish you fortitude and courage.

With condolences,

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk

Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations

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