



THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Department for External Church Relations

Metropolitan Hilarion's congratulations to Primate of the Romanian Orthodox Church

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate department for external church relations, has congratulated His Beatitude Daniel, Patriarch of Romania, on his Name Day. Below is the text of the message.

Your Beatitude,

Kindly accept my wholehearted congratulations on the commemoration day of your heavenly patron, God's holy and glorious Prophet Daniel, whose intercession accompany Your Beatitude on your journey of monastic life, supporting you in the zealous work that you have carried out for many years in the vineyard of the Holy Church of Christ.

The Divine Chief Pastor has endowed you with the wisdom of theologian and the gift of selfless pastoral love, which serves today to the benefit of the Romanian Orthodox Church and produces in many overflowing thanksgivings to God (2 Cor. 9:12). Exercising concern for the spiritual prosperity of your flock, you encourage the development in the Church of the social, missionary and youth service, provoking your flock to love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24).

On this day so great for Your Beatitude, I prayerfully wish you sound health and joy in the Lord and His all-powerful and inexhaustible help for many good years.

With respectful love in Christ,

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk

Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate department for external church relations