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Representative of the Patriarch of Moscow to Patriarch of Antioch meets with Metropolitan Ephraim of Tripoli

On October 23, 2014, Hegumen Arseny, representative of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia to the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, visited Tripoli, the second largest city in Lebanon reputed as “the northern capital” of the country.

In the Metropolis of Tripoli, Father Arseny was received by Metropolitan Ephraim of Tripoli (Patriarchate of Antioch). He raised the question of pastoral care for the Russian Orthodox faithful living in northern Lebanon. Metropolitan Ephraim suggested that Russian Orthodox Christians use for divine services the chapel in the metropolis’ building.

In conclusion of the meeting, Father Arseny presented Metropolitan Ephraim with a copy of Patriarch Kirill’s book *Freedom and Responsibility* published in Arabic in Lebanon, the website of the ROC Beirut representation has reported.

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