



Metropolitan Hilarion celebrates Divine Liturgy at Pangarati Monastery

On September 7, 2014, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, who is on pilgrimage to Romania, led the faithful in celebrating the Divine Liturgy at the Pangarati Monastery of the Metropolis of Moldavia and Bukovina of the Romanian Orthodox Church. On that day, the Romanian Church honoured the memory of Ss Simeon and Amphilochius of Pangarati, an occasion for which a great number of the faithful converged to the monastery.

After the Reading of the Gospel, His Eminence Hilarion delivered a sermon.

After the service and festive repast, Metropolitan Hilarion and his fellow-pilgrims visited the Agapia Convent. There are over 300 sisters in it. Metropolitan Hilarion went in the convent's main church dedicated to the Bodiless Hosts to venerate the Icon of Our Lady, which was given to Alexander the Good, the Lord of Wallachia, by the Byzantine Emperor John VIII Palaiologos in the 15th century.

Metropolitan Hilarion thanked the mother superior and the nuns for the hospitality and presented the convent's library with his book *The Spiritual World of St. Isaac the Syrian* in the Romanian language.

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