



## **Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk meets with Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church**

On 24 February 2014, with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, visited Athens and met with His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos II of Athens and All Greece.

The participants in the meeting discussed various issues of the bilateral relations between the Russian and the Greek Orthodox Churches, as well as some questions of the pan-Orthodox agenda, and shared their opinions on the situation of Christians in the Middle East and other regions.

Taking part in the meeting were also Bishop Prokopios of Christianoupolis; archimandrite Maximos (Papayannis), protosingel of the Archbishopric of Athens; and archimandrite Ignatios (Sotiriadis), secretary of the Greek Orthodox Church's Committee for Inter-Orthodox Relations. Representing the Russian Orthodox Church at the meeting were archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR secretary for inter-Orthodox relations; deacon Anatoly Churiakov, a DECR staff member; and Hierodeacon Nikolai (Ono).

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