



## **Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk meets with Ambassador of Greece to Russia**



On 22 January 2014, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, met with Ms Danae-Magdalini Koumanakou, newly-appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hellenic Republic to the Russian Federation.

Metropolitan Hilarion congratulated Ms Koumanakou on her appointment and expressed his hope for the further development of fruitful cooperation between the Department for External Church Relations and the Embassy of Greece in Moscow.

The Ambassador thanked Metropolitan Hilarion and noted the importance of the relationships between the people of Russia and Greece in the face of modern challenges and threats. Ms Koumanakou expressed her appreciation for the efforts of the Russian Orthodox Church, aimed at defending

Christians in the Middle East.

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