



**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Department for External Church Relations

## **DECR chairman meets with László Kövér, speaker of the Hungarian Parliament**



On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, met with Mr. László Kövér, speaker of the National Assembly (Parliament) of Hungary.

He warmly greeted Metropolitan Hilarion, thanked him for his work as administrator of the Russian Orthodox Church's Diocese of Budapest and Hungary and congratulated him on the award, the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of Hungary.

He underscored that comprehensive development of relations with Russia was important to his country and added that the people of Russia and Hungary had always enjoyed mutual trust.

The DECR chairman thanked László Kövér for the meeting and said that the new Constitution adopted by the Hungarian Parliament gave a worthy example to the entire Europe as it underscores Christian roots of the country. He hopes that Hungary will continue its adherence to the course of defending traditional moral values.

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