His Holiness Patriarch Kirill opens International Conference on Modern Bible Studies and the Tradition of the Church



On 26 November 2013, a scholarly theological conference of the Synodal Biblical and Theological Commission on Modern Bible Studies and the Tradition of the Church began its work.

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia opened the conference and welcomed the participants.

The Presidium of the conference consisted of Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, chairman of the Synodal Biblical and Theological Commission and rector of the Ss Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute of Post-Graduate Studies; Metropolitan Antony of Borispol and Brovary, chancellor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and rector of the Kievan theological schools; Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture; Dr. Yefim Pivovar, rector of the Russian State Humanities University.

Metropolitan Hilarion presented the key report; Metropolitan Antony delivered a report on the translation of the Holy Scriptures into the Ukrainian language in history and at present; and Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia spoke about the translations of the Bible in the life of the Catholic Church.

The Conference will deliberate on the topics due to be discussed by the Inter-Council Presence and will consider topics traditional for Russian Bible studies. Some session will be devoted to modern Bible studies in history and philology and to modern Biblical archeology.

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