



## **Metropolitan Hilarion meets with delegation of Uppsala University**

On 6 April 2013, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, rector of the Ss Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute for Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies, met with the delegation of the Uppsala University, Sweden, at the parish house of the Church of the "Joy to All the Afflicted" Icon of the Mother of God.

The delegation of the Uppsala University included Ms. Margaretha Fahlgren, Vice-Rector of the Disciplinary Domain for the Arts and Social Sciences; Professor Sven-Erik Brodd, Professor Carl-Henrik Grenholm, and Professor Elena Namli, a staff member of the Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies. Taking part in the meeting were also Archpriest Vladimir Shmaliy, Vice-Rector of the Ss Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute for Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies, and Hierodeacon Ioann (Kopeikin), assistant to the rector on international cooperation.

The participants in the meeting discussed prospects of academic, research and educational cooperation between the Theological Institute for Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies and the Disciplinary Domain for the Arts and Social Sciences of the Uppsala University.

The day before the meeting, the delegation took part in the seminar on 'Social Ethics and the Russian Orthodox Tradition', organized by the Sector of Ethics of the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Ss Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute for Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies, and the Faculty of Theology of the Uppsala University.

On April 4, Prof. Sven-Erik Brodd delivered a lecture on "Ecclesiological Research of a Certain Church in Theanthropic Perspective" at the Ss Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute for Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies.