



## **DECR chairman visits residence of Synod of Bishops of Russian Church Abroad**

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On 24 October 2012, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, while in New York, visited the residence of the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York, the First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, welcomed Metropolitan Hilarion to the Synodal Cathedral of the "Sign" icon of the Mother of God.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk and his suite venerated the Kursk-Root "Sign" icon of the Mother of God, the main shrine of the Russian diaspora. In the course of the fraternal meeting which took place in the study of the First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad, the hierarchs shared their impressions from the Conference of Russian Orthodox Bishops Serving in the Diaspora, which concluded its work in London few days ago, and discussed the issues of strengthening the unity within the Moscow Patriarchate.