



## Metropolitan Hilarion meets with new Russian ambassador to Serbia

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On October 3, 2012, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, received the new Russian ambassador to Serbia, Mr. A. Chepurin.

On behalf of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, the DECR chairman presented Mr. Chepurin with a letter of commendation in recognition of his services for the good of the Church of Christ and on the occasion of this 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In the course of their talk held in a friendly atmosphere, they discussed various problems involved in Russian-Serbian relations.

Metropolitan Hilarion pointed to the high level of cooperation between his department and the Russian embassy in Serbia and extended congratulations to this guest on his appointment as head of the Russian diplomatic mission in Serbia. Mr. Chepurin, in his turn, expressed readiness to continue fruitful cooperation with the Russian Orthodox Church at his new station.

In conclusion of the meeting, Metropolitan Hilarion presented the diplomat with a copy of the book 'At the Service of the Church. Towards the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate'.

