DECR chairman meets with dean and students of the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute in Berkeley

On August 24, 2012, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, who is on a visit to California with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, visited the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute at the Berkeley University.

Metropolitan Hilarion met with the dean of the institute, Metropolitan Nikitas of Dardanelles (Patriarchate of Constantinople) and faculty and students. They discussed prospects for the development of cooperation between the institute and the ROC Post-Graduate School.

In memory of the meeting Metropolitan Nikitas presented Metropolitan Hilarion with a set of books published by the institute. Metropolitan Hilarion, in his turn, presented the dean with his book 'Orthodoxy' and the photo album published on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of the DECR.

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The Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute was founded in 1981 in Berkeley by Paul J. Manolis. It has a museum, a library including a depository of rare editions, and a publishing house. It also supports the Orthodox Christian Brotherhood of the University of California, Berkeley.

The institute holds lectures, conferences, an annual spring colloquium, art exhibitions and symposia.

On September 22, 1993, His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russian visited the institute during his official visit to the USA.

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