



## **Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church greets Catholicos-Patriarch Iliya II of All Georgia with his Name Day**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent greetings to His Holiness and Beatitude Catholicos-Patriarch Iliya II of All Georgia on the occasion of his Name Day. The text is given below.*

**Your Holiness and Beatitude,**

**beloved brother in the Lord and concelebrant at God's Altar:**

I wholeheartedly greet Your Holiness and congratulate you on the commemoration day of your heavenly patron.

Following the example of St Elijah the Prophet, the great zealot of faith and piety, for many years of your primatial ministry you have been tirelessly proclaiming God's truth to people and taking care of the flock of the Georgian Church entrusted to you by God's providence, "endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).

Through the prayers of St Elijah the Prophet, may the Lord help you abundantly in your primatial ministry, grant you spiritual joy and physical strength.

With unfailing love in Jesus Christ,

**+ KIRILL**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**