



Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk greets the Primate of the Georgian Orthodox Church with his Name Day

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, sent the following greetings to His Holiness and Beatitude Catholicos Patriarch of All Georgia Iliya II with his Name Day.

Your Holiness and Beatitude:

I cordially greet Your Holiness with the commemoration day of your heavenly patron.

Following the words of the Holy Apostle Peter: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be (1 Peter 5:2), you devote yourself, give all your talents for the benefit of the Georgian Orthodox Church, and make great efforts to bear witness to the truth of the Orthodox faith. In this time of turbulence and insecurity, your services as a peacemaker are invaluable.

Prayerfully rejoicing with your celebration, I wish you physical and spiritual health, God's inexhaustible help in your primatial ministry, peace and God's grace.

With respectful love in the Lord,

+Hilarion

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