



Metropolitan Hilarion's new book "Rites of the Orthodox Church" is released

Published is the book "Rites of the Orthodox Church" by Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk. It is a new joint project of the Publishing House of the Moscow Patriarchate and the EKSMO Publishing House.

The book tells about the sacraments and rites of the Orthodox Church. What is consecration and transfiguration? What do the Sacrament of Matrimony and taking the veil have in common? What should one know about a burial service and prayers for the dead? How are water and different objects being blessed? In this book, one will find answers to these and many other questions.

The author writes about all rites of the Church, dwelling upon the main ones: taking the veil, burial service, and about blessing of water, consecration of a church, blessing of the Holy Chrism, prayer services on various occasions.

The book is recommended by the Publishing House of the Moscow Patriarchate and addressed to the reading public, both faithful and those who are going to cross the Church's threshold.

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Metropolitan Hilarion is the author of over 30 books on theology and church history, which were translated into several languages and republished many times. He is also the author of many musical compositions for choir and symphony orchestra.