



## **Patriarch Kirill and Metropolitan Christopher of the Czech Lands and Slovakia have a brotherly talk**

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia had a brotherly talk with His Beatitude Christopher, Metropolitan of the Czech Lands and Slovakia, who came to Moscow at the invitation of His Holiness to take part in the 20th International Educational Christmas Readings, on January 23, 2012, at the patriarchal residence in Chisty Pereulok.

They discussed various aspects of bilateral relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia and the problems involved in pan-Orthodox cooperation. Participating in the talk was Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations.

The head of the Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia was accompanied by Bishop Tikhon of Komárno and Archpriest Alexy Yuschenko, rector of the Moscow representation of the Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia. Present at the talk from the Russian Orthodox Church were also Bishop Sergiy of Solnechnogorsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's administrative secretariat, Archpriest Nikolay Balashov, DECR vice-chairman, and Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR secretary for inter-Orthodox relations.

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