



## **Metropolitan Hilarion meets with Metropolitan Vladimir of St. Petersburg and Ladoga**

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On November 1, 2011, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, arrived in St. Petersburg with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and at the invitation of Metropolitan Vladimir of St. Petersburg and Ladoga. He is accompanied by his deputy chairman, Hegumen Philaret (Bulekov), and Mr. L. Sevastaynov, executive director of the St. Gregory the Theologian Charity.

Upon his arrival, Metropolitan Hilarion visited the St. Petersburg diocesan administration for a brotherly talk with Metropolitan Vladimir. They discussed cooperation between the DECR and the diocese of St. Petersburg, the work of the DECR branch in St. Petersburg and other matters of mutual concern.

Present at the meeting were Hegumen Mstislav (Dyachina), secretary of the diocesan administration, Archpriest Sergiy Kuksevich, secretary to Metropolitan Vladimir, and others. In conclusion of the meeting, Metropolitan Hilarion presented the head of the St. Petersburg diocese an album on the Russian icon.

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