



## Metropolitan Hilarion meets with chairman of Russia's Audit Chamber

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On October 11, 2011, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, met at the DECR with head of Russia's Audit Chamber S. Stepashin, who is also chairman of the Imperial Orthodox Palestinian Society.

They discussed various matters concerning cooperation between the DECR and the Audit Chamber.

Metropolitan Hilarion also informed Mr. Stepashin of the work of his department and the Sts Cyril and Methodius Post-Graduate School of which he is rector. He also spoke of his visit to the St. Ilya Muromets Orthodoxy Gymnasium patronized by the Audit Chamber.

Mr. Stepashin, on his part, informed the DECR chairman about the work of the Imperial Orthodox Palestinian Society which will mark its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year and the progress made in the construction of a Russian Cultural Center in Bethlehem and his recent meeting with Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. They also considered problems involved in Orthodox publishing work.

Mr. Stepashin invited Metropolitan Hilarion to visit the Audit Chamber and address its staff.

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