



## Metropolitan Hilarion begins working visit to Ethiopia

On September 12, 2011, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relation, arrived in the Ethiopian capital city of Addis Ababa, with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia.

He was met at the airport by Mr. V. Utkin, Russian Ambassador to Ethiopia, and Archpriest Mikhail Gundyayev, Russian Orthodox Church representative at the World Council of Churches.

The DECR chairman is to meet with Patriarch Paul, head of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, to attend a meeting of the WCC Executive Committee and to visit old Christian holy places in Ethiopia.

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