



**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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## **International Conference on “Christian Charity in History, Historiography and Contemporary Culture” opens in Moscow**

The International scholarly conference on “Christian Charity in History, Historiography and Contemporary Culture” opened at the Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow on 16 June 2011. The conference is sponsored by the Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences, and the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate. Bishop Panteleimon of Smolensk and Vyazma, representing the Russian Orthodox Church with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, conveyed greeting from the Patriarch to the participants.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate’s Department for External Church Relations, sent greeting to the organizers and participants of the conference. Bishop Ivan Jurkovich, Apostolic Nuncio in the Russian Federation, read out greetings from the State Secretary of the Holy See, Cardinal Tarcizio Bertone.

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