



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia receives a delegation of the Patriarchate of Constantinople**

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On 25 May 2011, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia received a delegation of the Patriarchate of Constantinople arrived to participate in the celebration of the Days of Slavonic Literature and Culture and the commemoration of Ss Cyril and Methodius Equal-to-the-Apostle – the Name Day of His Holiness.

Taking part in the meeting that took place at the Patriarch's working resident, Chisty lane, were archpriest Nikolai Balashov, deputy chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, and Rev. Igor Yakimchuk, DECR secretary for inter-Orthodox relations.

The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church greeted the guests and asked Metropolitan Elpidiphorus of Prusa to convey gratitude to His Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople for sending his representatives to the celebration and his congratulatory message. Discusses were development of cooperation between the two Patriarchates and certain subjects of pan-Orthodox importance.

After the meeting with His Holiness Patriarch Kirill, the delegation of the Patriarchate of Constantinople departed for Istanbul.