



## **DECR chairman visits Cathedral of St. Sava in Belgrade**

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On 31 March 2011, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchates' Department for External Church Relations, currently in Serbia, visited the Cathedral of St. Sava, Archbishop of Serbia. The Cathedral is being constructed at the site where the Ottoman Turks burned the relics of the saint in 1594.

The decoration of the interior has begun in the cathedral which is considered one of the largest Orthodox churches in the world. It is planned to enlist benefactors and professionals from the countries in the care of the Russian Orthodox Church to implement the project.

Metropolitan Hilarion and his suite venerated the cathedral's holy objects. Metropolitan Amfilohije of Montenegro and Primorje, Bishop Antonije of Moravici, representative of the Patriarch of Serbia to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, and rector of the Cathedral of St. Sava archpriest Radivoj Panic told the DECR chairman about the progress in the work and showed him designs of the interior.

Metropolitan Hilarion had a look at the monument to St. Sava in front of the northern entrance to the cathedral.

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