



**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill and His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah discuss relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Church in America**

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, after the divine service at the Cathedral of the Epiphany and fraternal repast, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia had a talk with His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah of All America and Canada.

In a warm atmosphere of mutual understanding and trust, they discussed relationship between the two Churches and the situation of Orthodoxy on the American continent.

The Primates were joined in the meeting by Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR); archpriest Nikolai Balashov, DECR deputy chairman; Rev. Igor Yakimchuk, DECR secretary for inter-Orthodox Relations. Bishop Melchizedek of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania (OCA); and archimandrite Zaccaeus (Wood), representative of the OCA to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

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