Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk meets with head of Greek Archdiocese in America

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On August 30, 2010, DECR chairman Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, who is in the USA on a working visit with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and on invitation of His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah of All America and Canada, visited the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America to hold a working meeting with Archbishop Demetrios of America.

In their talk, which was also joined by Archpriest Mark Arey, secretary of the Archdiocese, and Archpriest Seraphim Gan, secretary of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia's Holy Synod, they discussed a wide range of issues concerning relations between various Orthodox jurisdictions in North America. Archbishop Demetrios spoke about the work of the North American Bishops' Assembly, which met for its first session in May 2010. The head of the Greek Archdiocese also shared remembrances of his trips to Russia and meetings with the late Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia and the then DECR chairman Metropolitan Kirill, now Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

Metropolitan Hilarion, on his part, spoke about the development of church life in Russia and other countries under the canonical jurisdiction of the Moscow Patriarchate.

As a token of their meeting, the head of the Greek Archdiocese presented the DECR chairman with a bishop's crozier and two volumes of his works in English.

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