



## Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk visits chancellery of Orthodox Church 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 chancellery of the Orthodox Church in America in Syosset near New York.

At the chancellery's chapel, His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah said a brief thanksgiving, with His Eminence Hilarion attending.

After the service, the DECR chairman had a meeting with Metropolitan Johan, Bishop Tikhon of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, Bishop Michael of New York and New Jersey; Archpriest Alexander Garklavs, chancellor; Archpriest Leonid Kishkovsky, director of foreign and inter-church relations, Archpriest John Behr, rector of St. Vladimir's Seminary; Archpriest Chad Hatfield, chancellor of the seminary, and Archpriest Alexander Rentel, secretary of the seminary's academic council.

They discussed issues concerning the development of Orthodoxy in the American continent. The DECR chairman spoke about his participation in the Preparatory Commission for the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church and a number of inter-Orthodox events.

As a token of Metropolitan Hilarion's visit to the ROC chancellery, Metropolitan Jonah presented him with an icon of St. Herman of Alaska with particles of the saint's relics.

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