



Patriarch Kirill meets with Greek Defence Minister

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia had a brief talk with Greek Defence Minister Evangelos Venizelos on March 29 at the Convent of John the Precursor in Moscow. His Holiness told the minister about his forthcoming visit to the Church of Alexandria and the visit of Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople to Russia in May and the organization of the service of chaplains in the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.

Both sides underscored the importance of developing good relations between the Russian and Greek people. His Holiness pointed to the significance of religious factor in the life of both countries and to the problem of traditional values being gradually ousted from the life of European nations.

The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church presented his high guest with an icon of our Saviour. The minister, in his turn, gave His Holiness a copy of his book about state-church relations seen through the prism of the Constitution, which has come out in Russian, and a copy of an old cross in the Benaki Museum collection.

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