Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk is awarded Russian Federation State Prize



On June 9, 2021, at the International Multimedia Press Center ‘Russia Today’ in Moscow, a briefing took place with the announcement of the winners of the 2020 State Prize for their outstanding achievements in science and technology, literature and culture, human rights advocacy and charitable work.

Present at the event were A. Fursenko, assistant to the President of the Russian Federation, V. Tolstoy, adviser to the President, and V. Fadeyev, chairman of the Council for Human Rights.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations and rector of Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute for Post-Graduate Studies, has become a winner of the State Prize in the area of literature and art. In the Presidential Decree signed on June 9 by President Vladimir Putin, it is stated that the prize is awarded ‘for a contribution to the development of culture and educational work”.

Introducing Metropolitan Hilarion to the assembly, V. Tolstoy said ‘It is a unique event in the modern Russian culture that might have no analogue in its scale and diversity of achievements which include literary works, musical art, cinema art, TV-documentaries, educational work and formation of the younger generation. Suffice is to say that issued from Metropolitan Hilarion’s pen are 148 literary and

academic works and 80 documentaries. His symphonic and choral compositions are performed by outstanding orchestra, such as those conducted by Vladimir Spivakov, Vladimir Fedoseyev, Valery Gergiyev. It was under his guidance that the complex restoration of churches have been carried out in Vienna, Budapest and a number of churches in Moscow'.

As Vladimir Tolstoy reported at the briefing, the State Prizes in literature and art have been awarded to Ms. Kh. Gezmava, an opera singer, and Mr. a. Rukavishnikov, a sculptor.

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The Russian Federation State Prize is the highest acknowledgment of services rendered by scientific and cultural workers to the society and state. The prize for literature and art is awarded to Russian citizens for their outstanding contribution to the development of Russian and world culture expressed in creating especially significant literary and other creative works.

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