



His Holiness Patriarch Kirill chairs meeting of Supreme Church Council



On 15th June 2021, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia presided over an online meeting of the Supreme Church Council of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Primate of the Russian Church participated in the session remotely, from the Holy Synod's historical hall at the Patriarchal residence in Peredelkino.

In his opening address His Holiness presented the meeting agenda.

The participants in the session heard a report by Metropolitan Yevgeny of Yekaterinburg and Verkhoturye, chairman of the Synodal Department for Religious Education and Catechisation, who spoke on dates and topics of the 30 th International Christmas Readings; as well as an annual report on the work of the Synodal Department for Youth Affairs, presented by its chairman, Bishop Serafim of Istra; an annual report on parish youth ministry, delivered by Metropolitan Yevgeny of Yekaterinburg and Verkhoturye and Bishop Serafim of Istra; and an annual report on seminary teachers associations, prepared by Archpriest Maxim Kozlov, chairman of the Education Committee of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Supreme Church Council chaired by His Holiness Patriarch Kirill consists of:

- Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations;
 - Metropolitan Dionisy of Voskresensk, chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate;
 - Metropolitan Clement of Kaluga and Borovsk, chairman of the Publishing Council of the Russian Orthodox Church;
 - Metropolitan Ioann of Belgorod and Stary Oskol, chairman of the Synodal Department for Mission;
 - Metropolitan Feognost of Kashira, chairman of the Synodal Department for Monasteries and Monasticism;
 - Metropolitan Kirill of Stavropol and Nevinnomyssk, chairman of the Synodal Department for Relations with the Cossacks;
 - Metropolitan Mitrofan of Murmansk and Monchegorsk, chairman of the Patriarchal Commission for Physical Culture and Sport;
 - Metropolitan Tikhon of Pskov and Porkhov, chairman of the Patriarchal Council for Culture;
 - Metropolitan Antony of Chersonesus and Western Europe, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Administration for Institutions Abroad;
 - Metropolitan Yevgeny of Yekaterinburg and Verkhoturye, chairman of the Synodal Department for Religious Education and Catechisation;
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- Bishop Irinarkh of Ramenskoye, head of the Synodal Department for Prison Ministry;
 - Bishop Panteleimon of Vereya, chairman of the Synodal Department for Church Charity and Social Ministry;
 - Bishop Savvaty of Bronnitsy, chairman of the Synodal Department for Relations with the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies;
 - Bishop Foma of Odintsovo and Krasnogorsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Administrative Secretariat;
 - Bishop Serafim of Istra, chairman of the Synodal Department for Youth Affairs;
 - Achimandrite Iliya (Rudnev), chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Finance and Economic Administration;
 - Archpriest Maxim Kozlov, chairman of the Education Committee of the Russian Orthodox Church;
 - Mr. Vladimir Legoyda, chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media; and
 - Hegumenness Ksenia (Chernega), head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Legal Administration.

Invited to take part in the meeting were also Bishop Savva of Zelenograd, deputy chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate; Bishop Nikolai of Balashikha and Orekhovo-Zuyevo, head and editor-in-chief of the Moscow Patriarchate's Publishing House; and Mr. Alexander Schipkov, first deputy chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media.

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