The First Hierarch of the Orthodox Church in America congratulated DECR Chairman on his 55th Birthday



Congratulatory message from His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada to the Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk on his 55th birthday.

His Eminence Hilarion
Metropolitan of Volokolamsk
Chairman - Department of External Church Relations

Your Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion,

Dear Brother and Concelebrant in the Lord's Saving Mysteries!

I greet you on the occasion of your fifty-fifth birthday, a day, no doubt, that will be kept with joy and celebration. With so many others, I join my prayers to the Almighty God for you, fervently beseeching him to keep you in good health, both in body and soul.

I pray further that he grant you all things necessary for fulfilling

the mighty tasks he has set before you. May he give you the wisdom and discernment to know what to do, and the strength to accomplish it!

May God bless you, Your Eminence, on this your birthday, and throughout all your life!
Your brother and concelebrant in Christ,

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Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

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