The DECR Chairman sent congratulations to the Primate of the Albanian Church on the day of his enthronement



Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, congratulated His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana and All Albania on the twenty-ninth anniversary of his ascension to the Primatial See of the Albanian Orthodox Church. The congratulatory message reads as follows:

His Beatitude ANASTASIOS

Archbishop of Tirana and All Albania

Your Beatitude:

Please accept my heartfelt greetings on this memorable day marking the 29th anniversary of your

accession to the Primatial Throne of the Albanian Church!

As a follower of Christ's faithful disciples *nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine* (1 Tim 4:6), you perform your ministry as a steward of the Church of Christ in the ancient land of Albania *in all godliness and honesty* (1 Tim 2:2), teaching believers to glorify and thank God, *which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead* (1 Pet 1:3). May the Almighty Lord, Who ordained you to take the helm of the church ship, multiply and bless the years of your Primatial service and preserve you in good health, peace and welfare.

I wish to Your Beatitude strength in body and spirit, plentiful spiritual blessings and God's inexhaustible help in your ministry for the good of the Holy Orthodoxy in Albania.

With respectful love in the Lord,

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Metropolitan of Volokolamsk
Chairman
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