Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk begins his working visit to Hungary



On September 4, 2021, with a blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations (DECR), arrived in Hungary for a working visit.

At the airport in Budapest, His Eminence Hilarion was met by Russian Federation ambassador in Hungary Ye. A. Stanislavov, and the Rev. Svyatoslav Bulakh, a cleric of the diocese of Budapest and Hungary.

On September 5, the DECR chairman worshipped during the Divine Liturgy in the church of the Dormition in Szentendre - the cathedral of diocese of Budim of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

On the same day, Metropolitan Hilarion attended the opening of the International Eucharistic Congress, an event held by the Roman Catholic Church in one of the European capital cities every four years.

On the side-lines of the event, the DECR chairman met with Hungarian President János Áder, Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest Cardinal Péter Erdő, head of the European Bishops' Conference

Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco, vice-prime minister of the Hungarian Government Zsolt Semjén, Hungarian State Secretary in Charge of Church and Nationality Issues Miklos Soltesz.

In the evening of that day, Metropolitan Hilarion visited the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Moscow Patriarchate diocese of Hungary, in which Rev. Svyatoslav Bulakh showed him the progress made in the repair and restoration work carried out in the cathedral.

The program of the DECR chairman's visit to Hungary includes his remarks on the Orthodox understanding of the Eucharist to be delivered at the International Eucharistic Congress and meetings with ecclesiastical and political figures.

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